



# Arrowman Echoes

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## New Merch

**Brewer Houlditch, Treasurer**

Arrowmen, I am pleased, as the lodge treasurer, to tell you about some of the new patches and shirts designed for the upcoming Ordeal. The Pilgrimage Ordeal patch is the first of a set; make sure to attend Fall Fellowship and Allogagan Ordeal to collect them all!

Additionally, for those who are interested in getting some newly designed Alibamu merch, we are rolling out Elangomat shirts. These shirts will be given only to those who volunteer to be Elangomats for two ordeals. The purpose of these shirts is to make it easier to distinguish between the candidates and the Elangomats, and they will give a new incentive to increase volunteers for the position of Elangomat, which is an important role.



## Meet the Chief

**Lucas Luster, Lodge Chief**

Hey there, Alibamu Lodge! My name is Lucas Luster. I am an Eagle Scout out of Troop 50 and a member of Crew 122. I have been a member of the lodge for three and a half years and was tapped out for Vigil at this year's summer camp. Currently, I am a freshman at Auburn University, majoring in mechanical engineering.

I have several goals to accomplish during my term as lodge chief. First, I want to make the lodge feel like a welcoming environment for Brothers to come together and serve their community. I also want the troops to see the lodge giving back to them. Finally, I want to build a stronger connection with the local tribe so they can offer guidance and education.

Some of these initiatives are already underway. The lodge executive committee has grown to include a fellowship chairman, an outreach chairman, and a health and safety chairman. They are working to create new events to support troops, and they are planning fun activities for our existing events.

It is truly an honor to serve as your lodge chief; however, I need your feedback to know what needs to be done. My contact information is included in this newsletter, so please don't hesitate to reach out if you have any ideas or concerns. Together, we can continue the lodge's success for this year and many more!

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# National Champs

**Thomas L., Athletics Chairman**

We went into the Ultimate Frisbee Championship (UFC) vs Muscogee Lodge from South Carolina game thinking that it was going to be a very hard game. We were also thinking that if we played our “A” game, we would win.

We scored within the first thirty seconds. That one point gave us a huge boost of energy allowing us to score the next two points before the other team even got a point on the board. After scoring, they threw the disc off to us, and I knocked it to the ground. Then, Robert W. ran a slant route to the back right corner on the end zone, where he scored a touchdown. With the score 4-1, we proceeded to dominate the game.

We ended the half at 6-2. At half time, Coach JP Baughman talked about what we needed to fix. I talked about how I figured out that one of their throwers could not forearm pass, that he could only backhand pass. That information allowed us to block seven passes in the second half, preventing scoring opportunities for them.

During the second half, there was a 1v1 jump up with Phillip B. winning and intercepting the disc; while looking for people to throw to, he got stalled with two seconds left. He hammerhead threw it to Robert W. for a touchdown; it was a goal-line to goal-line throw, sealing the victory.

The final score was 8-4. Robert W. had six touchdown catches and two blocks. Kayden Ray had two touchdown catches and one throwing touchdown pass. Thomas L. had six touchdown passes and eight blocks. Phillip B. had one touchdown pass and four interceptions.



# Annual Lodge Banquet

**Lucas Luster, Lodge Chief**

The lodge banquet is coming up on September 14 at Christchurch Anglican! It will be a night accompanied by the three F’s: food, fellowship, and fun. This is our opportunity to celebrate last year’s accomplishments and look forward to the year ahead.

At this event, the 2024-2025 officers and advisers will be formally installed, and we will recognize some Brothers with some well-deserved awards. Whether you’re a longtime member or new to the lodge, this is an event you won’t want to miss.

Doors open at 6:00 pm, so be sure to sign up today at [tukabatcheebsa.org](http://tukabatcheebsa.org). Let’s come together to celebrate our brotherhood and the incredible year ahead. I look forward to seeing you there!



Robert W. holds the UFC plaque after Alibamu won 8-4.

# OAHA

Jacob Y.,  
Training Chairman

The Order of the Arrow High Adventure (OAHA) was one of the greatest scouting trips I have ever experienced. I attended OA Trail Crew at Philmont Scout Ranch in New Mexico. After serving to clear trail, I got to have my own custom trek!

I met people from all over the US, and have made friendships that I hope last my whole lifetime. I don't want to say much more so I don't ruin the experience for anyone who does go, but I would highly recommend any OAHA program to anyone interested.

# NOAC Summary

Trey S., Outreach Chairman

Going to the National Order of the Arrow Conference (NOAC) was a great experience! I got to learn so much and make so many different memories and learn from past experiences to max out the fun and learning.

My favorite memory from NOAC was winning the national championship for ultimate frisbee because it was such a moment with Mowogo Lodge cheering us on. Alibamu's Robert W absolutely dominated the field, making it a moment that I will never forget.

**ALIBAMU 179!**



The Alibamu contingent explored Boulder, Colorado, during NOAC to "Seek New Heights."

# Pilgrimage Ordeal

Rosie A., Lodge Vice Chief

We held our annual Pilgrimage Ordeal for seven OA candidates and four Brotherhood candidates on August 2-4. We had a productive weekend marking trails, trimming limbs and underbrush, and cleaning the Admin and Dining Hall buildings.

Although it was hot, we had plenty of water and shade and managed to have cheerful service and fellowship!

We want to give a special thank you to our kitchen staff and ceremonies team. Also, thank you to our Elangomats Shepherd G. and Lukas S. for volunteering to help over the weekend!



The lodge hosted an Ordeal Ceremony at Camp Tuk on August 2-4 for seven OA candidates.



Shepherd G. wears a new Elangomat shirt during the Pilgrimage Ordeal.



# ACT Conference

Jaxon H., Secretary

This year I went to Section E6's ACT conference at Camp Frank G. Lumpkin with our lodge.

I learned so many new things about leadership in the "Leadership Looking in the Future" class and many other skills that will help me in the years to come. ACT conference was fun, and I hope more brothers come with us next year.

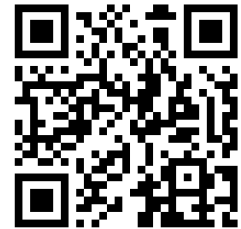


Mr. Wes Crew, Jaxon H., Mr. David Ehrlich, Lucas Luster, Thomas L., Jacob Y., and Joshua Alexander attended the ACT Conference on August 23-24 at Camp Frank G. Lumpkin.

# Lodge Dues

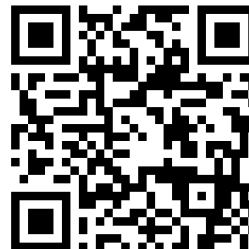
It's time again for 2024 and 2025 dues to be paid, so please pay as soon as possible. Only members with dues paid can wear a lodge flap on their uniform and attend lodge events. If you have any questions, please contact a lodge officer.

Dues can be paid by scanning the QR code or by going to [www.tukabatcheebsa.org/shop](http://www.tukabatcheebsa.org/shop).



# 2024-2025 Lodge Calendar

Our 2024-2025 Lodge calendar is now available at [www.alibamu.org/calendar](http://www.alibamu.org/calendar) or by scanning this QR Code.



Make sure to add our dates to your calendar or subscribe to the Google Calendar so you'll know when our events, meetings, and workdays are.

# Upcoming Dates

- Merit Badge Day..... Sep 14
- OA Banquet..... Sep 14
- Work Horse Day..... Oct 5
- Fall Hangout ..... Oct 18-20
- NLS/DYLC Training..... Nov 1-3
- Alibamu 5-Mile Hike... Nov 16
- Fall Fellowship..... Dec 6-8
- Indian Winter..... Jan 10-12
- Winter Camp..... Jan 17-20

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**You are invited  
to Work Horse  
Day on Oct 5!**

## Wisdom from Wes

Mr. Wes Crew, Lodge Adviser

How do we get better at anything? We practice. From knots to sports to music. All skills must be practiced.

So when we speak negatively to ourselves, unfortunately that is practicing also. If we allow ourselves to be quick to anger, we are practicing a negative behavior. If you practice something enough, you will find yourself getting better at that behavior! Don't get better at negative self talk, instead practice speaking positive to your inner self or treating others with kind patience.

We should all want to get good at the positive actions. Don't forget to practice!!

## Merit Badge Day

Joshua Alexander, Ceremonies advisor

The annual Merit Badge Day is quickly approaching, offering scouts an exciting opportunity to earn various badges. This year's event will be held at Faulkner University in Montgomery, AL, on September 14.

Registration is currently open and will close on September 11, provided space is still available. Go register at [Tukabatcheebsa.org/shop](https://Tukabatcheebsa.org/shop).

The event will begin with check-in from 8:00 to 8:30 a.m., and classes are scheduled to run until 3:00 p.m with lunch provided.

We have a wide assortment of merit badges offered, allowing participants to advance their scouting achievements. We hope to see you there!