



# Arrowman Echoes

Alibamu Lodge 179, W.W.W.  
Tukabatchee Area Council #005  
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## Upcoming Events



- Dec. 8-10 Fall Fellowship
- Feb. 2-4 Indian Winter
- Feb. 24 Gathering Skills Day & LEC

## Indian Winter

**Al E. Bamu**  
**Lodge Email Guy**

The section's Indian Winter event is February 2-4 in Georgia. We'll depart sometime Friday afternoon and travel together. If the afternoon is a big issue talk to Logan and we can try to make something else happen.

## Fall Fellowship

**Ryan Holtzscher**  
**Lodge Treasurer**

Fall fellowship is approaching swiftly and is set for December 8-10 at Camp Tukabatchee. Our second annual 5k race will take place Saturday morning with medals for our top finishers and stickers for all participants. We have many new activities this year including an ugly Christmas sweater contest and Dirty Santa. The requirement for Dirty Santa is to bring a Scouting related gift totaling no more than \$20. You are not required to participate. There are many more activities planned, including our traditional corn hole tournament and cracker barrel. Fall fellowship is a great time to get more involved in the lodge for the upcoming year, 2018. Our Lodge Executive Committee will be holding a committee fair for all brothers interested. If you meet the requirements for Brotherhood, at least 10 months since your Ordeal, we will have a Brotherhood ceremony. Fall fellowship is truly one of my favorite events of the year and it's packed full of fun activities, service, fellowship, and so much more. If you are interested in attending, registration can be done online at [www.alibamu.org](http://www.alibamu.org) or by mail with the form attached to this newsletter. It's been a fantastic year here in Alibamu Lodge, so let's finish the year with the best fall fellowship yet! I hope to see you all there.

This fun and exciting weekend is full of fellowship and Indian events training (drum, dance, ceremonies), as well as general OA topics. Our goal is to take 20 delegates. Will you be one of them? This is the same event we held at our camp last February. It's a lot of fun and you don't want to miss out.



The fee is just \$25. To register visit [www.SR-9.org](http://www.SR-9.org). We aren't taking any paper registrations for this event.

## 2018 Lodge Dues

**Austin Kelsey**  
**Lodge Secretary**

Don't forget that all memberships end on December 31. Help us be the best lodge that we can be and renew your dues. Dues are just \$12 and give you full access to all of the benefits of the Order of the Arrow. You can pay either online or when registering for the fall fellowship using the form on the back!!



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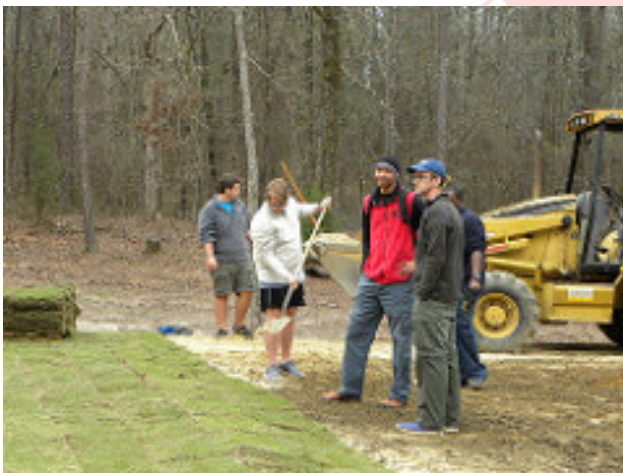
## Fall Hangout Logan Bozeman Lodge Chief

Our first ever fall hangout was a great success! We started the weekend by carving pumpkins, eating nachos, and playing a great game of Wischixin. On Saturday, we woke up, held an LEC meeting, and got camp ready for the Cub Scouts to arrive. Since the lodge was tasked with all things dining hall, most of us spent the day cooking, cleaning, and serving food. Everyone who wasn't needed in the dining hall helped out in various parts of the Spookoree. Congratulations to Nethan Crew for winning the costume contest and Dakota Alexander for winning the pumpkin contest. I would like to thank the 35 brothers who came out to help this weekend, and I hope that even more will be able to come out next year!



## OA High Adventure Hunter Gay Service Chairman

Going to a high adventure base is one of the most exciting and fun experiences you will ever have, and going with the OA just adds to the fun. Through the OA you can do things at high adventure bases that you could not do on regular treks, plus you meet Arrowmen from around the country that you will grow a friendship with that will last even after your trek is over. For most OAHA treks you will do seven days of service and have seven days for your actual trek. The Summit is four and four. I have been to three of the high adventure bases through the OA: Sea Base, Northern Tier, and Philmont. Sea base was the most relaxing of the three. When I attended, we worked for two days at a local Scout camp, paddled out to an island owned by Sea Base and worked for another five days. After that, we went on our trek which consisted of seven days on a sailboat going to different reefs to snorkel. Northern Tier is one of the more physically demanding high adventure bases. You canoe to your work site where you work on fixing trails, then you spend the next seven days going from lake to lake enjoying the beauty of the Minnesota and Canadian waters. Finally there is Philmont, my personal favorite. At Philmont you spend your first week building trails, then you get to design your own trek and enjoy all Philmont has to offer while hiking all the way. Each high adventure has its own personal thrill and I guarantee you will have a blast at any of the high bases that you may choose to attend. Don't forget that the lodge has scholarships to offer in order to make going more affordable.



## National OA Conference Addison Broom Lodge Vice Chief

## Mike's Minute Mike Bazonis Lodge Adviser

There are sixteen words in the Scout Law. The law does not say, "A Scout is tall, handsome, rich or smart." Why is that? Because a young man cannot choose to be tall, rich, or those other things that are beyond his control. However, he does have choices to make. He can choose to listen to you when you are down, to respect your religion, to clean up after himself, and to keep his crew's spirits up on the trail. These characteristics are what comprise the Scout Law. When I think about the men who have had an impact in my life, I think about the ones who have made the choice to take the harder path and go above and beyond what others do. The Scout Law is a harder path on the map. It is your choice and only YOU can choose to be that kind of man.

Can you sense that feeling in the air? The sense of brotherhood and cheerful service? That means NOAC season is rolling around! What is NOAC you ask? It is the largest gathering of Arrowmen in the world, where all the lodges in the nation come together to fellowship, trade patches, and have a blast! The 2018 NOAC will be held at Indiana University. Visit our NOAC page on our website for full details. We'll be gone July 28—August 4 and the fee is \$725. We are likely going to travel with Chattahoochee and Cowikee Lodges and make a stop at King's Island on the way! If you are interested in going we are still taking deposits for the waiting list. We'll know in January if we get extra spots. For those age 16+, you can try for a staff position as well.

**WWW Wild Games**  
**Garrett Smith**  
**Publications Chairman**

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**A Moment in History**

Aaron Crowe  
Historian

In 1939, lodge 179 was created for the Montgomery Area Council.

What was the original name of the lodge?

In what year did the name change to Alibamu Lodge 179?

In what year did Lodge 179 revert back to its original name for one year?

The answers to these questions can be found in your lodge planbook or on our website. Check them out before coming to fall fellowship. You'll need the answers there.

**Merit Badge Day 2017**

Kaleb Nichols  
Merit Badge Day Chairman

Our 11th annual Merit Badge Day was a success! There were 191 Scouts present for 14 different classes. I'd like to thank all of our staff and counselors for a great event. We'll announce the 2018 date early next year and I hope you'll add this event to your troop calendar.

**Stay Informed Between Newsletters**

A lot happens between newsletter issues. Join our Facebook group (search for Alibamu) and follow us on Twitter and Instagram @Alibamu179.



## Chiefly Speaking Logan Bozeman Lodge Chief

We have officially kicked off the 2017- 2018 program year! Since July we have had a banquet, Pilgrimage Ordeal, and our first ever fall hangout. All three of these events were a huge success and I just want to take the time to thank you all for participating in one way or another. Coming up next we have our annual fall fellowship December 8-10 and the SR-9 Indian Winter February 2-4. I have high hopes for both of these events and can't wait to see everyone in attendance. With that being said, I would like to encourage all of our brotherhood eligible brothers to attend fall fellowship to officially seal your membership in our Order. Remember, these events only come around once a year, and I certainly do not want anyone to miss out on all the fun!

You'll find out more in the next newsletter, but go ahead and plan on attending SR-9's Heartland Gathering (April 20-22) and the Allogagan Ordeal (May 11-13).

Remember I am always just a phone call, or email away. If you ever need anything at all or you just want to talk please do not hesitate to contact me. I would be honored to talk with you. Hope to see you all at fall fellowship and Indian Winter!

## Banquet Review Logan Bozeman Lodge Chief

This year our annual lodge banquet was held on Friday night at the Pilgrimage Ordeal. We had a great turn out! At the banquet we inducted our new lodge officers, recognized our outgoing LEC, and Adam Holtzschler was awarded the HAM Murray Award and Mr. Alan Broom the Hugh Mauldin adult of the year award. We hope that next year we can move back towards a more formal banquet on a Saturday night.



## Athletics Connor Simms Athletics Chairman

Gathering is right around the corner and one of the best ways to get involved is to join athletics. Even if you aren't the most athletic guy, there is always a need for team support. We practice many sports such as Wischixin, tug of war, lodge ball, and Ultimate. Our next practice will be held at fall fellowship. I also invite everyone to participate in our fall fellowship 5k! Follow us on social media for details about our future practice days. If you have any questions, feel free to email me at [connorsimms25@gmail.com](mailto:connorsimms25@gmail.com). I hope to see you at fall fellowship.

## OA Troop Rep Austin Kelsey Lodge Secretary



How is your troop rep program going? The OA troop rep program is very important to the maintaining lodge involvement. If you do not have a OA troop rep or need help with the program, contact me for more information. If your troop does have an OATR I need to know who he is or he cannot be properly fulfilling the advancement requirements. Email me today.



## Council Camporee Austin Kelsey Camporee Chairman

The lodge is hosting a council camporee April 6-8, 2018 at Camp Tukabatchee. It will be a fun filled weekend with a lot of activities including boating, COPE, shooting sports, and other competitions. We really want to see each of our troops there so please put this event on your troop calendar now. More details about the event will be in the next newsletter. The leaders guide is already available on the lodge website.

# Heartland Gathering

## Ryan Holtzscher

### Lodge Treasurer



Brothers,

Heartland Gathering is coming this spring on April 20-22! This has personally been a moving experience for me because of all the excitement, fellowship, and games. This is the event that led me to be more involved in the Lodge. It's so worth your time, and I look forward to this event every year! Our lodge will be traveling to Camp Comer in Fort Payne for this year's event hosted by Coosa Lodge. We'll have more details in the next issue, but it's never too early to consider attending and I would recommend it to all of you. If you decide to attend you can help us defend our title of SR-9 Best All Around Lodge.



The fee is just \$39 and **new for 2018 registration can only be done online at [www.SR-9.org](http://www.SR-9.org)**. We are not accepting any paper registrations. I hope to see you all there!

## 2017-2018 Lodge Officers

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## OA Troop Elections

### Lucas Lynn

### Pinhoti Chapter Chief

Leaves are falling, the weather is getting colder, and suddenly that 50 degree sleeping bag from the bargain rack isn't getting the job done. This can only mean one thing: troop elections are starting! Be on the lookout for your chapter chiefs and chapter vice chiefs to be conducting your unit elections within the coming months. Take this opportunity to share with your fellow members what the Order of the Arrow is, allowing them to have a better understanding before the election. If you'd like to help with the elections contact me at [llynn4751@gmail.com](mailto:llynn4751@gmail.com) for more information. Now is a good time for all of us to think back to when we were elected. We should all work to make sure this election season is a special one as we work towards our JTE Gold goals!!



# 2017 Fall Fellowship & 2018 Lodge Dues

December 8-10 @ Camp Tukabatchee

Check-in begins at 5:00pm, Dinner 7:00pm

## If paid by 12/1 at 4:30pm (9:00pm online)

- \$20 Brother
- \$35 Brotherhood Candidate
- \$12 2018 Lodge Dues
- \$12 2019 Lodge Dues

## If paid after 12/1 at 4:30pm (9:00pm online)

- \$25 Brother
- \$40 Brotherhood Candidate
- \$12 2018 Lodge Dues
- \$12 2019 Lodge Dues

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Make checks payable to BSA and mail entire form to:  
BSA  
3067 Carter Hill Rd  
Montgomery, AL 36111

or register online @ [www.TukabatcheeBSA.org/shop](http://www.TukabatcheeBSA.org/shop)

**A new medical form is needed if one was not turned in at the for a previous 2017 OA function. We do not have your troop or summer camp copies. Please don't forget!**

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