



Arrowman Echoes

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Heartland Gathering & Skills Day Addison Broom Lodge Vice Chief

The Heartland Gathering is the highlight of our year. The weekend is full of fellowship, food, training, shows, and more! Our goal is to take 54 delegates. Will you be one of them? We need your help to defend our Quest (athletics) and Best All Around



Lodge titles. Come watch Adam and myself compete in the drum and dance competitions. This is a great opportunity to jumpstart your participation on the drum and dance or ceremonies teams.

Gathering is April 20-22 at Camp Comer in Mentone. We'll depart about lunch time on Friday. If that's

a big problem talk to Logan or Mike before signing up. The cost is just \$39. New this year you have to register at www.SR-9.org. We cannot accept registrations at our council office. The trading post deadline is February 28 so make sure to order early.

To prepare for the weekend, we're holding our first ever Gathering Skills Day February 23-24 at camp. The weekend will be filled with fellowship and practices for the dance, ceremonies, and athletics teams. This isn't a workday for the youth! Adults that are not helping with those practices are invited to hang out or help finish the stage project (see Hunter's article). Register for this event using the form on the back or online so we have enough food.

I hope to see many of you at both events!

Council Camporee Austin Kelsey Lodge Secretary

The council camporee is approaching soon! On April 6-8, the lodge is hosting the camporee at Camp Tuk. We need help from many Arrowmen to run this event for the entire council. In addition to normal camporee competitions, there are many activities we are offering including boating, COPE, shooting sports, 5K, and more.

If you would like to help, please email me to see how you can help. Also, in the next few weeks we'll announce on social media which staff positions are available. **CONTINUED ON PAGE 3**



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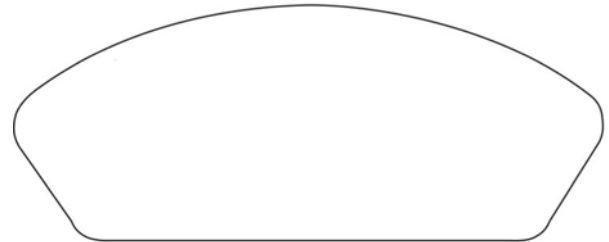
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Chiefly Speaking Logan Bozeman Lodge Chief

The new year is upon us and we have a good bit of lodge opportunities coming up in the next few months. At Fall Fellowship, we started our project of replacing the stage and we are on track to have it finished by the camporee in April, but we still need your help (see Hunter's article for info). Then February 23-24 we will spend the weekend at Camp Tuk to take some time to prepare for all for the Gathering competitions. Our ceremonies team, drum and dance team, and athletics teams will have practices that weekend so be sure to make plans to attend!

Since we are hosting a council wide camporee this year, we are going to have some workdays to prepare our camp for that event (see Austin's article for info). Gathering is April 20-22 at Camp Comer in North Alabama. This is a great opportunity to meet people from our section and participate in various competitions to hopefully achieve the title of SR-9's Best All Around Lodge for the seventh year in a row. I encourage everyone to attend.

We have a very busy couple of months ahead of us and it will take each one of you to make everything happen. 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 hope to see you all soon!



Help us design our new council strip. Visit www.Facebook.com/tukabatchee for more information (January 30 post). Designs are due February 9.

Mike's Minute...The Comfort Zone Mr. Mike Bazonis Lodge Adviser

All of us have a preferred comfort zone. Our comfort zone is something that has both positive and negative qualities for our lives. Most of us are creatures of habit and want to be comfortable with our personal lives to the extent that we are relatively free from constant worry. Unfortunately, if we allow ourselves to be too comfortable we can miss the fulfillment of our potential—in all aspects of life. There is a story about two hikers who were hiking along in the woods one night in utter darkness. Their flashlights were burned out and it was difficult to see the trail. In front of them was a tree that blocked the trail. They had to deviate off the trail to attempt to go around the blockage. Off the trail, they did not see a huge hole. Unwittingly, they both fell into the hole. They struggled profusely to get out but simply couldn't climb up the steep walls in the blackness of the night. Content that they would have to wait until morning to get out, they sat down in the corner and quickly fell asleep.

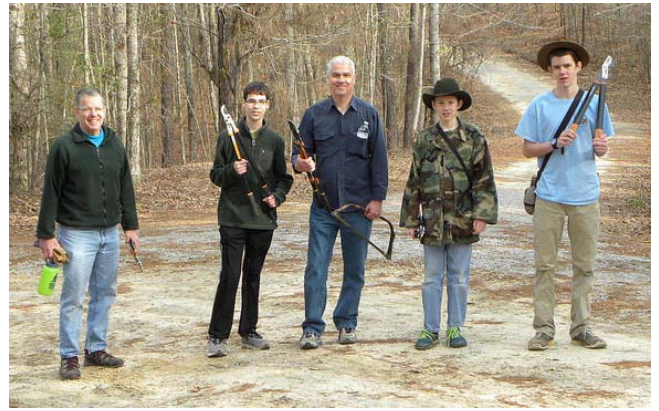
Several hours later a lone hiker finds himself also falling to the bottom of the hole. He too struggles and strains to get out but, exhausted, he decides to sit down and wait for the morning light. As he is about to rest he hears a sluggish voice in the darkness say, "Forget it, you can't get out." Faster than you can blink your eyes, he was out of the hole! It is amazing that when the lone hiker was not comfortable any more, when he had a little fear in him and didn't feel safe, he was able to jump higher, climb farther, and put forth a little more effort. Imagine what you can accomplish if you simply put forth a little more effort. Avoid getting too comfortable in your life. Do something this week that takes you out of your comfort zone and out of your normal routine. Start small and discipline yourself to do something that stretches you to become better, improve a skill, or expand your experiences. Striving to push your own comfort zone will make you feel more alive and more in tune with your senses. Yes, comfort is desirable to an extent, but not when it stifles your ability to truly live up to your potential.

Council Camporee (from page 1)

Follow us on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter to stay informed. Please encourage your troop to attend and sign up soon as possible. Campsites are available on a first come, first serve basis.

To prepare camp for the event, we have clean up workdays set for March 17 and 24 for 9:00am until 4:00pm. Again, check our social media posts for more info. These are service flap days.

More camporee information is available on our web-site.



2018 Lodge Dues Austin Kelsey Lodge Secretary

Have you renewed your lodge membership for 2018? If you're not sure then check your mailing label. Our goal for the year is to have 362 dues paid members and we're at 100 so far. Dues are just \$12 and give you full access to all benefits of the Order of the Arrow. You can pay either online or when registering for the Skills Day using the form on the back!!



NOAC Logan Bozeman Lodge Chief

This year a few of our Arrowmen will have the opportunity to attend the National Order of the Arrow Conference at Indiana University. This event will consist of athletics, ceremonies, and drum & dance competitions along with the opportunity to attend training to learn more about our Order.

Our lodge has teamed up with Chattahoochee and Inito Lodges to help decrease the costs of travel. On the way, we will make a stop at King's Island theme park to add a bit more fun to this wonderful event.

All of our current spots are full; however we do have a waiting list if anyone is interested. To be added to the waiting list, contact me for more information and to make your \$100 deposit. We will try and get a spot for you!



Upcoming Events

February 23-24	Skills Day & LEC Meeting	April 6-8	Council Camporee
March 10	Beaver Day & LEC Meeting	April 20-22	Heartland Gathering
March 17 & 24	Camporee Workdays	May 11-13	Allogagan Ordeal



Council Ring Stage Hunter Gay Service Chairman

On January 20, we pulled up the posts remaining as part of the old stage on the island, and were able to set all of the corner posts for the new stage. I would like to thank all of the brothers who came to help on that day. We have another workday on February 10 to set the rest of the posts in the ground, and begin the framework of the stage. We need about a dozen adults and older youth that day. Please join us in finishing this rebuilding. This is a service flap day.

If we do not finish on February 10, adults will work on it Saturday during the Skills Day.

Winter, Err, Fall Fellowship Review Ryan Holtzscher

With the Warner Scout Reservation becoming a winter wonderland, Fall Fellowship was a huge success! Due to the weather, many brothers were prevented from coming, but those who were able to come made it a blast! From a ten foot tall snowman, to tons of competitions, to snowball fights, to athletics, this was a weekend to remember. The wonderful live Christmas tree decorated with Alibamu ornaments,



raised the mood for the upcoming Christmas season. Our old stage on the island was completely ripped apart in preparation for the new stage to be built. It was a great way to finish the year, and a great time of brotherhood. Fall Fellowship 2018 is an event you do not want to miss!



OA Troop Elections & Camp Promos Lucas Lynn Pinhoti Chapter Chief

In the last issue, I spoke about our OA troop election season. Elections are underway and we need conducting these. This is an easy way to get involved with the lodge and does not take a lot of time. If you want to help contact your chapter chief (info on page 6). If you don't know which chapter you're in send me an email and I can tell you.

In addition to OA elections we're conducting camp promotions. Even if your troop will not have any eligible candidates this year we would still like to come to hold a camp promo. Scoutmasters should contact their chapter chief to arrange both visits.

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New Associate Lodge Adviser

I'd like to thank Mr. Ricky Minor for serving as my associate for the last two years. Our lodge is better because of his leadership. Mr. Alan Broom is coming on board as our vice chief's associate. I look forward to working with him. ~Mike

Beaver Day Hunter Gay Service Chairman

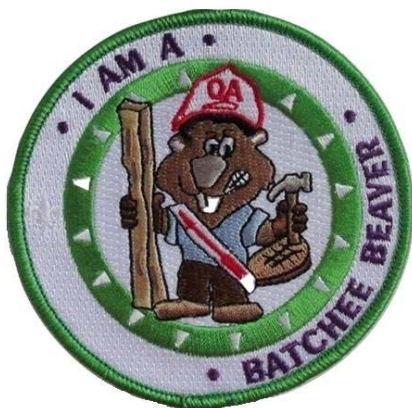
Beaver Day is set for March 10 at Camp Tukabatchee. This is our annual clean up day for both Camp Tukabatchee and Camp Hobbs. Help us get both camps ready for our summer programs. We'll have several cleaning projects, tent pallet repairs, and more. We plan to finally finish trimming out the cabin at Camp Tuk so we really need a couple of adults who have some carpentry skills.

In addition to OA members, we invite troops to help as well so make sure your troop knows about this event (sorry, no Cub Scouts please). This is an easy rank service hour opportunity. We'll work from 8:00am until 3:00pm. Everyone that works until lunch will receive a free Beaver Day patch. Lunch is provided as well. RSVP at alibamu179@gmail.com



Trading Post Ryan Holtzscher Lodge Treasurer

New year, new gear! Stop by the trading post at the next lodge event to complete your rockin' look. Don't miss out on our brand new Alibamu beanies that were introduced at Fall Fellowship! Get your winter gear, from long sleeved shirts, to jackets. You don't want winter gear? Check out our gym shorts, various hats, and short sleeve shirts! Add to your patch collection with all the cool Alibamu knick-knacks. Make sure you stop by the trading post as soon as possible to catch some of our sweet "squeals of deals."



2018 Gathering Skills Day & 2018 Lodge Dues

February 23-24 @ Camp Tukabatchee

Check-in begins at 6:00pm, NO dinner Friday, depart late afternoon on Saturday

GATHERING SKILLS DAY

___ \$5 Skills Day (breakfast & lunch)

___ \$12 2018 Lodge Dues

___ \$12 2019 Lodge Dues

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip _____

eMail _____

Phone(____) _____ - _____

CAMPOREE (April 6-8)

___ Register with your troop or ask Austin about staff

GATHERING (April 20-22)

___ Register at www.SR-9.org

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

A new medical form is needed for 2018. We shredded all 2017 copies. We do not have your troop or summer camp copies. Please don't forget!

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