



# Arrowman Echoes

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## Wild West Fall Fellowship Kayden Ray Lodge Treasurer

The Wild West Fall Fellowship is going to be really fun this year. There will be Creek Indian reenactors, a committee fair, Ultimate Frisbee, Wischixin, football, corn hole, Alibamu 5k, wild west bingo, horseshoes, and much more. There will also be a memorial for Mr. Chuck Maney who passed away in September. Like always, there will be work projects but they won't take long. There will be a lot of fellowship and we will watch the Auburn and Alabama games. If you haven't been to a fall fellowship before, it's a really fun experience and you should really come. It is from December 4-6 at Camp Tukabatchee. Make sure you bring a gift for dirty Santa.



## Free Brotherhood Nethan Crew Lodge Chief

After 6 months of service as an Ordeal member and fulfilling certain requirements, a member may take part in the Brotherhood ceremony, which places further emphasis on the ideals of Scouting and the Order. Completion of this ceremony signifies full membership in the Order.

Full requirements can be found at the bottom of Alibamu.org

For one time only, we're offering FREE Brotherhood conversion! Any youth who attends fall fellowship will have the opportunity to get their Brotherhood for FREE!

SEE PAGE #4 for details.



## Calendar

**December 4-6** Fall Fellowship  
**December 27** Winter Camp Brotherhood  
**January 8-10** Indian Winter

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## Lodge Dues

All lodge memberships expire on 12/31. There are a lot of fun events coming up and not everyone has paid their dues yet. If you haven't, you will be missing out on a lot of fun opportunities so please pay your dues. If you know another brother who hasn't paid their dues, please encourage them to do so. ...Pay your dues by 12/31 and you'll get a 30% off coupon for the national OA trading post!

Dues can be paid online at:  
[www.tukabatcheebsa.org/shop](http://www.tukabatcheebsa.org/shop)

## Summer Camp & Ceremonies

**Mr. Keith Womack**  
**Summer Camp Director**

We need you! Hello everyone, it's time to consider your place in Camp Tukabatchee history. Do you want to affect a Scout's life? Do you want to be the one Scout that another Scout looks up to? If so, sign up to work summer camp and/or join our ceremonies team. We will conduct interviews for summer camp staff at winter camp on December 28. All applicants will interview from 8:30-11:00am. Bring your completed application with you. Applications can be found on the Camp Tukabatchee website, CampTuk.org

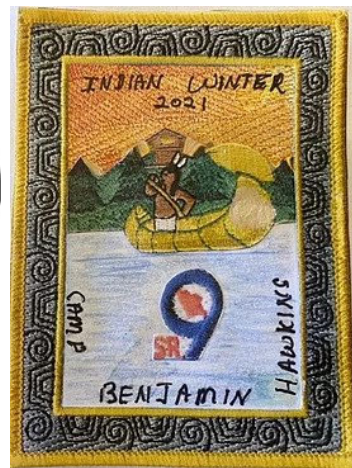
Interested in joining the ceremonies team? Contact Tristan Dumas or myself and we will get you started on leaving your legacy within the lodge.



## Merit Badge Day 2020

**Parker Stephens**  
**Merit Badge Day Chairman**

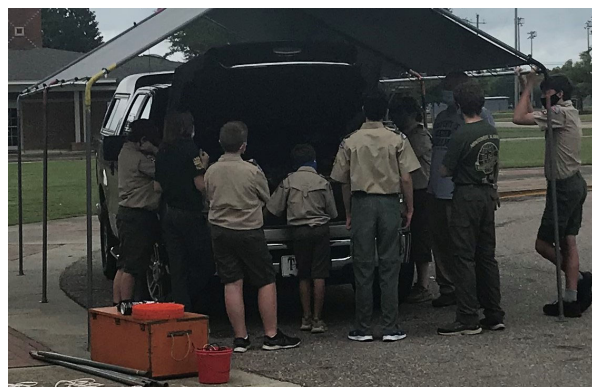
This year's Merit Badge Day was held at Saint James School in Montgomery, AL on September 12. We offered several classes this year, and we had a great turnout. While the COVID situation wasn't ideal, everyone handled it like a champ and the day went very smooth, and we did not have any major issues. Thanks to everyone who came out to Merit Badge Day, it would not have been possible without you! I know that it was a fun and exciting day for me, and I hope it was for all who came out!



## Indian Winter

**Adam Holtzsch**  
**Lodge Vice Chief**

Hello Alibamu Lodge! Indian Winter, for those who do not know, is one of the best events our section holds each year. The focus of the event is American Indian Activities (AIA), hence the name 'Indian' Winter, including drum and dance, ceremonies, and crafts. You do not have to be involved in any of these categories to enjoy your weekend. There are also a wide range of activities, sports, and training sessions to attend without the pressure of tournaments or placements. In this way, Indian Winter is a very relaxed conclave with all the same fun. Indian Winter 2021 is January 8-10 at Camp Benjamin Hawkins. We'll car-pool there Friday after school. See [www.sr-9.org](http://www.sr-9.org) to register. Can't wait to see you there!



## **Mike's Minute** **Mr. Mike Bazonis** **Lodge Adviser**

These old boots have taken me over a lot of miles of trail. They're really comfortable. Whoever coined the expression, "as comfortable as an old shoe," must have been talking about these old boots. But once, a long time ago, they were brand new and stiff as a board. Oh, I softened them up with some polish and saddle soap, but mostly I broke them in by using them. One step at a time - that's the way good boots become good friends. Good habits are like that, too. Your morals are tested on a daily basis. So-called friends will tempt you to betray the Scout Oath. They will test your resolution to the Scout Law. When this happens, you may feel as uncomfortable as a new boot. You might hesitate or waiver. But if you stick to the trail you're on, then you'll find it easier the next time, because, like these boots, good habits become more comfortable each time they're used.

## **Chiefly Speaking** **Nethan Crew** **Lodge Chief**

I hope this newsletter finds you and your loved ones in good health. I also hope that you all are doing well with school work and jobs in this trying time. I'm so excited that although our program year has been crazy to say the least, we've had so many effective events. We had a great Ordeal in which we had a bunch of fun and did some good work. We also had a banquet where we distinguished many of our own Arrowmen for the great individual accomplishments they have so graciously earned. Congratulations to Kayden Ray for receiving the 2019/2020 Ham Murray Youth of the Year Award and Mr. Austin Kelsey for receiving the Hugh Mauldin Adult of the Year Award at the banquet.

Thank you again to everyone who helps with everything we do as well as the parents and families who help our Arrowmen contribute to what we build in our program.

I want to remind everyone to keep coming to events and pay your dues if you haven't already. It's the only way we can effectively do anything together. We all, as a collective group, can and do defy the odds of what is possible for a group of youth with a slightly smaller group of adults to back us up. I hope to see you guys soon!

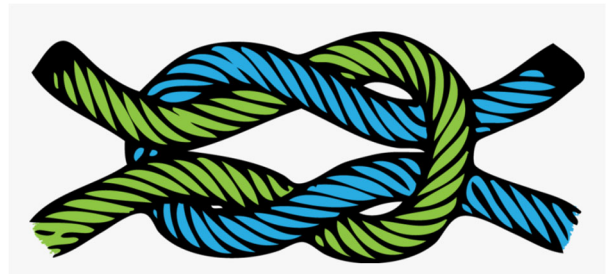


## **Camping** **Will Fowler** **Camping Chairman**

Alibamu Lodge hosts a variety of fun and exciting camps. During our campouts, we spend time learning, bonding, serving others, and having fun. Our weekends are always filled with awesome activities. From spending time in fellowship together to playing Ultimate Frisbee, we always stay active and enjoy ourselves. The members of our lodge are very welcoming and friendly to both long time members and new comers. The people in this lodge are not only friends; they are also brothers. The bonds made in this community of Scouts are strong and lasting.

Not only do these campouts offer a lot of fun games and other activities with friends, but they also provide many rich learning experiences to help everyone involved grow as a leader and a cheerful servant. Attending our campouts is very beneficial to all who wish to become better scouts. Even basic skills such as knot tying, fire making, and cooking are honed and utilized at our events. These are excellent times to perfect your existing Scouting skills, as well as discover new ones.

What are some of your favorite camping spots? Email me and in the next newsletter I'll highlight some of them.



## Free Brotherhood (continued)

- A) If you went through your Ordeal before 2020 we'll have a ceremony at fall fellowship for FREE.  
B) If you went through your Ordeal in June 2020 you can get your Brotherhood at winter camp on December 27 (see your email and social media for the exact time) or the May Ordeal for FREE.  
C) If you went through your Ordeal in August 2020 you'll be able to get your Brotherhood at the May Ordeal for FREE.

**You must register for and attend fall fellowship** to take advantage of this offer. Contact me if you have any questions. I look forward to seeing you at fall fellowship.

## Momentum: Spark



Looking to learn more about inductions and activation? Join us for Momentum: Spark, taking place November 6-7. Go to [momentum.aa-bsa.org](http://momentum.aa-bsa.org) to learn more and register today! #oaspark

Friday night at 8PM there will be a Pre-Ordeal ceremony then Saturday night at 5PM there will be an Ordeal ceremony. We know the ceremonies can be overwhelming while you're there so this is a great opportunity to see them again.

Saturday morning starting at 9AM the national training team will have a lot of great sessions and activities for you. The full schedule hasn't been finalized yet, but you can view it here: [momentum.aa-bsa.org/spark/schedule/](http://momentum.aa-bsa.org/spark/schedule/).

The event is FREE if you don't want the patch and can watch the live stream. There is a \$15 registration option that includes a patch and the ability to watch the recorded sessions later. If you went through your Ordeal in August 2020 you'll get the \$15 experience for FREE!!

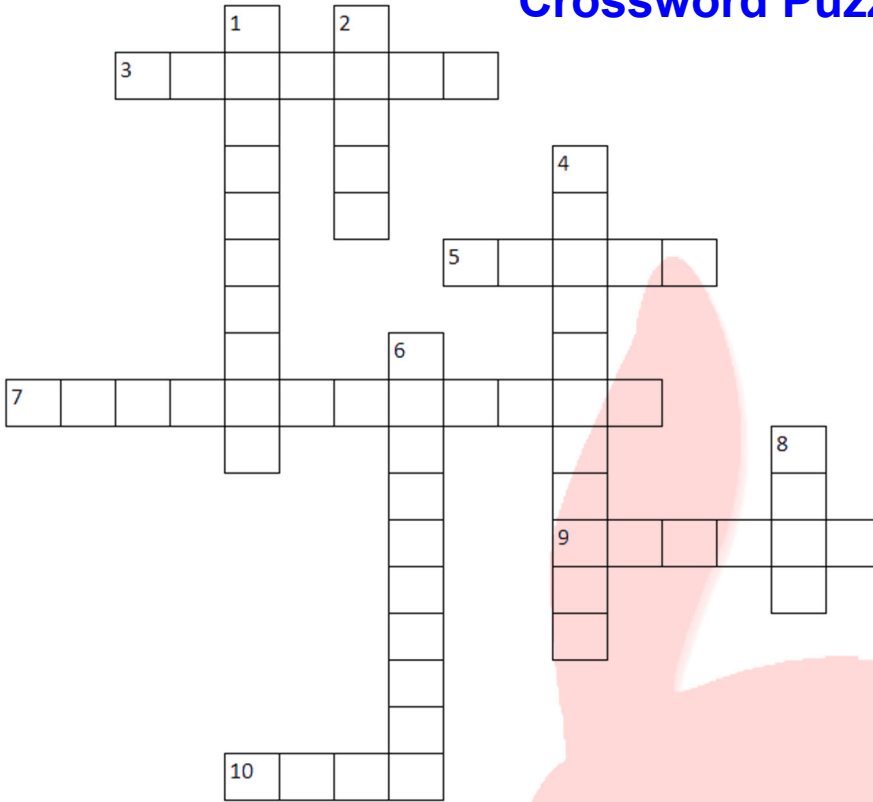
If you want to attend you MUST REGISTER even if you want the FREE option. Email us at [Alibamu179@gmail.com](mailto:Alibamu179@gmail.com) for registration information.

## Life is a Hike Mr. Wes Crew Associate Lodge Adviser

Life is a hike...  
Being prepared for whatever the path brings is essential!  
Life is a hike...  
The soft sounds of the rivers and streams along the path  
bring you inner peace, listen!!  
Life is a hike...  
There are times it seems the uphill stretch will never end!  
Life is a hike...  
Hydrate!  
Life is a hike...  
The people you may pass along the path always have something to say if you are willing to listen!  
Life is a hike...  
You should always take time to smell the flowers along the way!  
Life is a hike...  
You will have times when silence becomes the voices within guiding and directing you, listen!  
Life is a hike...  
The apex of the path is a moment to look back on what you have accomplished then look forward to  
the next part of the journey!  
Life is a hike!



## Crossword Puzzle



### Across

3. Our Lodge
5. square, bowline, half-hitch, etc.
7. Annual section OA event in the winter
9. Must be completed to join the OA
10. What you should pay RIGHT NOW! :)

### Down

1. Named after Robert S. Weil
2. The highest achievement of the Scouts BSA.
4. \_\_\_\_\_ of cheerful service
6. The fourth rank in Scouts BSA
8. National OA event

## Are You a Candle or a Fire?

**Ryan Holtzscher**  
**Chief's Adviser**

Staying motivated is among one of the greatest challenges you face as a person and as a Scout. Finding that drive to accomplish even the small tasks can seem daunting at times, but I am here to tell you that it doesn't have to be so scary! I heard a story once about motivation that changed my perspective. A man and his mentor were sitting by a fireplace conversing one evening and the follower asked his mentor how to stay motivated. The mentor replied by having his follower blow out a candle. This was a simple and easy task. The mentor then asked the follower to blow out the fire that was roaring next to them. The follower quickly responded that it was a silly and impossible request. The mentor then explained that motivation is strikingly similar to the candle and the fire. He said, "When your motivation is as small as the candle's flame, it's easy to extinguish, but when it rages like the fire you see before you, nothing can blow it out."

My brothers, I challenge you to reflect on why you do what you do. The way to build your motivation into the raging fire from the story is to start by asking yourself what it is that you are most passionate about. Fall in love with that passion and even on the hard days when you want to quit, don't cave in because I can assure you, it will be worth it. Caring about something with passion gives meaning to your life, even if its something small. It is okay to change your passions as well, your interests may change, but don't get in the habit of having nothing that motivates you, because that is how we become stagnant and lose growth. Motivate yourself, motivate others, and continue to challenge yourself! Be a fire, not a candle.

<b>Down:</b>	<b>Across:</b>
1. dininghall	3. Allibamu
2. Eagle	5. knots
4. Brotherhood	7. Indianwinter
6. firstclass	9. Ordeal
8. NOAC	10. dues

# 2020 Fall Fellowship & Lodge Dues

December 4-6 @ Camp Tukabatchee

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

## If paid by 11/25 @ 4:30pm (11/29 @ 9:00pm online)

- \$20 Brother
- \$35 Brotherhood Candidate
- \$12 2021 Lodge Dues

## If paid after 11/25 @ 4:30pm (11/29 @ 9:00pm online)

- \$25 Brother
- \$40 Brotherhood Candidate
- \$12 2021 Lodge Dues

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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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)

**Unless you attended the Ordeals, a new BSA medical form with at least parts A&B is needed for 2020. We do not have your troop or summer camp copies. Please don't forget!**

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