



Arrowman Echoes

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Aim High? Yes, We Did!

Rosie A., Lodge Chief

Thank you, Alibamu, for a great weekend at Moundville Park for the Section E6 Conclave!

Following the Aim High/ Duck Dynasty theme, our lodge's theme focused on Lucky the Duck, an iconic symbol of Camp Tukabatchee. We had great patch designs centered around Lucky, and we even incorporated him into our Tailypo booth!

Alibamu had **53 members** show up to support the lodge and Section E6, which made every event and activity way more fun. We also had multiple lodge members volunteer to teach classes, score different competitions, and help Conclave run smoothly. Thank you for your leadership, Scouters!

Despite the unexpected storm on Saturday night, we left Conclave with unforgettable memories and shared jokes, which shows how our lodge can adapt in the face of sudden challenges--we even rescued the tent from the lake!

I am so grateful to everyone who showed up or assisted with this event: you made all the fun happen!

CONCLAVE RESULTS

- Wischixin: 1st
- Retention: 1st
- Instagram: 1st
- Newsletter: 1st
- Ultimate: 2nd
- Website: 2nd
- Attendance: 2nd
- Tailypo: 3rd



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Quest at Conclave

Connor C., Quest Chairman

The Alibamu Quest team played excellently at this year's Conclave! We started off strong with volleyball and then moved to Wischixin and Ultimate Frisbee. With Thomas Lawlor's accurate throwing and Trey Slagle's speed, we were able to move up the ranks quickly in all sports. While there were challenges along the way, the team overcame the tough competition and finished second in Ultimate Frisbee and first in Wischixin.

It was a great experience and showed potential in the future of Alibamu athletics.

OA Night at Summer Camp

Walker F., Treasurer

All Arrowmen are invited to join us on Thursday, **June 18**, for a special OA Night celebrating America's 250th anniversary!

Enjoy an evening of fellowship and fun with a variety of activities, including a special Tailypo game, branding, and screen printing!

Don't miss this time to connect with fellow Arrowmen and celebrate America's history. We look forward to seeing you there!

Conclave Photo Dump



Changes are Coming to Ordeal

Lucas Luster, Immediate Past Lodge Chief

A time of change is quickly approaching. As you may have heard, the National OA is preparing to release a brand-new iteration of the induction weekend and its ceremonies. While these new ceremonies are on their way, we still have one final opportunity to use the current ceremonies script. Pilgrimage Ordeal, taking place **August 7–9**, will mark the last time our lodge uses the current script. We hope to see every member there as we honor this part of our Lodge's history.

Soon after, Alibamu's lodge leadership will travel to Camp Bert Adams on August 14–16 for training on the new induction experience. During this training, our leaders will have the opportunity to see the new ceremonies in action and learn how to bring the updated program back to our lodge. Following the training, we will host a event where all current members will be invited to experience the new induction weekend before they are presented to candidates.

Be on the lookout for future announcements and details regarding this event!



Chiefly Speaking

Rosie A., Lodge Chief

Alibamu! 179!!! Our lodge, with 53 members attending, placed second in attendance at Conclave! Coming to events may seem unimportant on a small scale, but each and every member truly has an impact. Showing up means one more person for Quest, one more friend for a new Arrowman, one more person to contribute to the lodge's success.

This year, I would like our lodge to focus on cheerfulness, brotherhood, and service. These principles already mean a lot individually, but together, they make up the foundation of our Order. Let these words be our guide on how to navigate this year, through every challenge and victory. Take a minute to reflect—how can you demonstrate cheerfulness and uplift others? How can you connect more deeply with others, inside and outside of the lodge? How can you best serve your camp and your community?

Most of the summer camp staff this year are OA members, and I love seeing our lodge display this spirit of service to our camp and council. I am so excited to see everyone at OA Night on June 18, and I look forward to working together to make an impact and sustain our lodge.



Looking Back

Sippi Aaij, Secretary

It has been seven years since I joined Scouting America in February 2019. I began my journey in Scouts to spend time outdoors with my friends and family, but it quickly became much more than that. I wanted deeper involvement, to serve alongside my peers and to share my joy in Scouting. That brings me to where I am now: 20 years old, six hours away from my home and council, a new Vigil member within the Order of the Arrow, and six months away from aging-out.

My ordeal was during the height of Covid in Alabama in 2020, and I remember sweating in the summer heat behind my mask. I remember the awe I felt seeing Allowat for the first time, and the determination I felt when I had to pull back that bowstring. I remember hauling logs out of staff camp and trimming trees by the field, and I remember how involved I felt while working with my fellow candidates. Now, whenever I see new candidates, I go back to these memories and just remember how I felt with my first contact with the Order of the Arrow.

Since joining I have always strived for involvement: I spent two years as the historian and this is my second year serving as the secretary. I staffed at NOAC in 2022 with the Admonition Team representing Women in Scouting, where I got to meet some of today's leaders in the organization. I have spearheaded our social media for the past four years, and have written many articles for these newsletters.

It is an amazing feeling, knowing that your peers have deemed you worthy of joining the few who receive the honor of joining our brotherhood. I am eternally grateful to my past peers in Troop 307G for electing me to take the next step of the Ordeal, and I hope I have made them proud of their decision. Though this is my final article for our newsletter, the bonds of brotherhood, cheerfulness, and service will remain with me forever. Thank you for letting me serve you, Alibamu—keep pulling back that bowstring.

Merit Badge Day

Save the date for **September 12!** Our lodge will host a Merit Badge Day, and then we will host the OA Banquet to recognize the accomplishments from the past year and swear in members of the LEC.

Please put this date on your calendar and be on the lookout for registration information on the council's website. If you are interested in teaching a merit badge, please contact the lodge chief or Mr. Wes, the lodge adviser.

Lodge Dues

It's time again to pay dues for 2026, 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.



Upcoming Dates

OA/Vigil Night..... June 18
Pilgrimage Ordeal..... Aug 7-9
LLD..... July 18
Merit Badge Day/LEC..... Sep 12
OA Banquet..... Sep 12
Fall Hangout..... Oct 23-25
Fall Fellowship..... Dec 4-6

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Wisdom from Wes

Mr. Wes Crew, Lodge Adviser

In the First Nation Australian Aboriginal culture, there is an old tradition of gathering under a tree as a village or community to celebrate gratitude for completing another day and the simple gift of life. This reminds me of the campfire we gather around at the end of a day spent camping. There, we tell stories, sing songs, and cherish the company we share. Maybe we don't take the time to celebrate thankfulness together as much as our ancestors, but the value in this has definitely not escaped me and my fellow Scouts and Scouters.

Tomorrow is not guaranteed, and, while it sounds cliché, it is the hard truth we must face. If we fail to celebrate the day (even when it may have been filled with irksome tasks and weighty responsibilities), we do ourselves a disservice.

Be thankful to have finished the day, reflect and learn from it.

Sharing this practice with your own little community has a mental and spiritual benefit that cannot be quantified or sold: their worth is truly priceless.

*See you at the
Pilgrimage Ordeal
August 7-9!*

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