



On November 8-10, Withlacoochee Lodge held its Fall Ordeal. This was the first Lodge weekend event held at Camp Osborn in nearly 3 years. Brotherhood and service were felt by all. 14 scouts from 6 different troops completed their Ordeal, and 8 members sealed their membership by going through brotherhood. Additionally, two members were called out for the Vigil honor.



Refurbished Pavilion



New Camp Signs

Congratulations to our 2020 lodge officers!

Lodge Chief: Eli Lapeza
Vice Chief - Administration: Micah Peters
Vice Chief - Programs: Michael Dale
Secretary: Michael Frost
Treasurer: Korey Watts

Black Water Chapter Chief: Reid Brinson
Crooked River Chapter Chief: Michael Sumner
Ichauway Chapter Chief: Cason Sterling





Congratulations to our new Ordeal members!

Andrew Bedore	Jackson Belusko	Landon Conley	Grant Johnson
Connor Landers	John McNeal	Cole McNeal	Gavin Mills
Nicholas Patton	Laieton Sharp	Angie Sharp	Cason Sterling
Grady Williams	Morgan Wright		



When an Ordeal member has learned about the ideals of the Order of the Arrow and makes them part of his life, he is ready to become a Brotherhood member. Brotherhood membership is sought by Arrowmen seeking to reaffirm their belief in the high purposes of our Order. After an Ordeal member continues to serve his troop for at least 10 months, he may become a Brotherhood member by accepting the Obligation and continue serving the lodge. **Big congratulations to the following Arrowmen for achieving Brotherhood membership during the Fall Induction Weekend!**

Riley Beckman	Beau Coppage	Wesley Fletcher	Liam Johnson
Justin Morton	Reese Morton	Sharon Scott	Korey Watts



Two exceptional Arrowmen kept the Vigil on a special evening at Camp Osborn December 13-14, 2019. The Vigil Honor is a high mark of distinction and recognition reserved for those Arrowmen who, by reason of exceptional service, personal effort, and unselfish interest, have made distinguished contributions beyond the immediate responsibilities of their position or office to one or more of the following: their lodge, the Order of the Arrow, Scouting, or their Scout camp. The 2019 Vigil Honor members are:



Mr. Drew Sterling

Jonathan Lewis



The deadline for the 2020 Indian Winter Early Bird discount is over, but it is not too late to sign up!! It will take place on January 10-12 at Camp Horne in Tuscaloosa, AL. Aracoma Lodge will be the host. If you're interested in any of the following, Indian Winter is the event for you!

- Drum and Dance
- Beading
- Fellowship
- Fun

SPECIAL LODGE FLAPS!

CONCLAVE!!



Conclave is just around the corner, and it's our turn to host it! We'll be welcoming our fellow arrowmen from all across Section SR-9 to Camp Patten, so we need all the help we can get. There are plenty of options for where YOU can help make a difference, from parking to food service to general service during the event. Don't worry, you'll still have plenty of time to participate in the fun activities! We also **have two upcoming service days** in preparation for Conclave. We also have a some **Special Lodge Flaps** available: One is for attending the Conclave, the other is for attending **2 of the 3 service days**(1 in Oct.), plus attending Conclave. If you are looking for a place to get involved in this great opportunity for service, please reach out to our Conclave Service Chairman, Jonathan Lewis at jonathanL1324@gmail.com

NOAC

Looking for a new, exciting experience? Ever wanted to attend a national event? The National Order of the Arrow Conference(NOAC) is the event for you! Join us August 3-7 for an awesome time at Michigan State University! Trade patches with arrowmen from all over the country, enjoy awesome activities, any AIA events that you can think of, and so much more! The Lodge will be providing transportation, and the cost of attendance will be announced soon. Don't miss out on this awesome event!



Ceremonies



Ceremonies are one of the most important aspects of the Order of the Arrow. They give us a great way to pass down our traditions, and help strengthen our brotherhood. If you're new to the order, or if you have been around for a few years, and you're looking for a way to get involved, ceremonies might be the place for you! Not comfortable with a speaking part? We would still love to have your help!

If you're interested, don't hesitate to reach out to our Ceremony Team Captain, Kameron Nez, at kameronwilliamsnez@gmail.com

Brothers,
I look forward to serving Withlacoochee Lodge as the 2020 Lodge Chief. My goal is to make sure we have an outstanding Conclave for us and everyone in section SR-9, and for us to have an overall great year. I plan on focusing on our ceremonies, elections, and retention; these three things are indispensable for the growth and livelihood of our Lodge. Most importantly however, I hope to help everyone have enjoyable and worthwhile events and continue coming back to future Order of the Arrow activities.
-Elijah Lapeza, 2020 Lodge Chief

Upcoming Events

January 10 - 12	SR-9 OA Indian Winter	Camp Horne, Cottondale, AL
January 18	LLD and OA Annual Banquet	Tifton First United Methodist Church
February 1	OA Conclave Service Day #2	Camp Patten
February 28 - March 1	OA Spring Ordeal	Camp Patten
April 4	OA Conclave Service day #3	Camp Patten
April 17 - 19	SR-9 OA Conclave	Camp Patten