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## Fall Ordeal

October 31 - November 2, Camp Osborn

We enjoyed a weekend full of fun, excitement, and service. The highlight of the weekend was the induction of 22 new Ordeal members, 9 Brotherhood conversions, and 3 members bestowed the Vigil Honor, along with providing nearly 600 service hours. Thanks to all of your efforts this was also our largest Lodge event in years, with over 60 members attending. We were also incredibly fortunate to host our current Section E6 Chief Emma Wright and Section E6 Secretary Matthew Sutton. They had a blast with Withlacoochee!!

We also elected our new 2026 LEC:  
Hagan Rudolf, Lodge Chief  
Milo D, Vice Chief of Administration  
Wyatt L, Vice Chief of Program  
Jackson M, Lodge Secretary  
Laine R, Lodge Treasurer  
Congratulations to our new 2026 LEC

Google Photos Album:  
<https://photos.app.goo.gl/VckfeiHLFX76KGJz8>



## Message From Chief

Hello Withlacoochee Lodge, I would like to give a thanks to all of you who attended our Fall Inductions weekend. I loved seeing all of you there and having fun, and hope to make future events even better. Also huge thanks to our elangomats and ceremonialists who stepped up to help make this weekend a success.

Can't wait to see yall at the Winter Banquet.

Yours in Brotherhood,  
Hagan Rudolf  
Withlacoochee Lodge Chief

## Service Beyond the Fire

This is a Section E6 event, so this event will have arrowmen from across the section (Georgia and Northern Alabama) in attendance. This is more than just a service event. On Saturday morning there will be some training, fellowship, and a conservation fair with colleges and organizations. In the afternoon we will work with the US Forest Service for a conservation project. After dinner there will be more fellowship with games, patch trading, camaraderie, and more.

Register before December 15 to avoid late fee, at <https://e6.oa-scouting.org/winter-event/>

## Lodge Socials

Facebook Page: [Withlacoochee Lodge](#)

Instagram: Withlacoochee98

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Band App: <https://band.us/n/a7ac0908b7k07>  
<https://sites.google.com/view/withlacochee-lodge>

Website:

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## Want Some Free Stuff?

### ***Announcing the Lodge Flap Design Contests!!***

The Lodge is asking you to design a custom Lodge Flap for the next Section E6 Conclave in April 2026 and one to help celebrate our patriotism and Lodge spirit in celebration of our Nation's 250th Birthday. Each of these will be a separate contest with a separate prize. We encourage everyone to participate, regardless of artistic ability and skill!!!



- **Conclave Flap Prize:** Free trip to Conclave and one Conclave patch for free
- **USA 250th Anniversary Prize:** Free annual Lodge event pass and one USA 250th Anniversary patch for free
- **Due at Winter Banquet:** December 6 for both contests.
- **How to Submit:** Give paper with design to LEC member, with name on it, or email [withlacoocheelodgechief@gmail.com](mailto:withlacoocheelodgechief@gmail.com)
- **Patch Minimum Requirements:**
  - Must include the Lodge Name - Withlacoochee Lodge
  - Lodge totem - Torty (any previous version or your own rendition)
  - Scouting Emblem (Fluer d les)
  - Must be Scouting America and Order of the Arrow appropriate
- **Conclave Flap:**
  - Conclave Theme: outdoorsy, hunting, and Southern pride
  - Patch should follow general Conclave theme
- **USA's 250th Birthday:**
  - Should include the US flag and/or elements of Stars and Stripes
  - "250th", "250th Birthday", or "250th" Anniversary"

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