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OFI' TOHBI'S OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER



A Busy Weekend

Due to wintery weather, many events were crammed into one weekend. Despite this, Pre-Camp Induction, Banquet, Installation of Officers, LOAC, and Winter Fellowship were smashing successes filled with fun activities for all!

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INDUCTION

New Arrowmen went through the Ordeal, and served across camp. (Pg. 3)

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BANQUET

Due to inclement weather, the Annual Award Banquet took place in March. (Pg. 5)

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WINTER FELLOWSHIP AND LOAC

Winter Fellowship and LOAC provided fun times for all. (Pg. 9)

Induction



Banquet



Fellowship



Pre-Camp Induction

Over the course of this busy weekend, five new Arrowmen went through the Ordeal. Another ten Arrowmen completed another induction to join the rank of Brotherhood.

Once elected by their fellows, Arrowmen must complete the Ordeal to prove their devotion to the ideals of brotherhood and service. After testing the bow to display their strength and will, the candidates must sleep isolated beneath the night sky — signifying these individuals have been set apart from the rest for a higher cause. Upon waking, the candidates set to work in complete silence. With scant food, the Ordeal teaches the candidates the value of self-denial, brotherhood, and cheerful service.

The Ofi' Tohbi Lodge is proud to declare that five new candidates have passed the Ordeal and become members of the Order of the Arrow. After spending the night beneath the stars, the candidates worked in thoughtful silence with one another. During the Ordeal, the candidates devoted their time to service



projects across the camp — working under a vow of silence.

With the guidance of their Elangomats, these five proved themselves to be disciplined individuals who embody the values of Scouting and the Order of the Arrow. New Ordeals — welcome to the Order of the Arrow!

"He who serves his fellows, is of all his fellows... greatest"

- E. Urner Goodman





In addition to the new Ordeal members, a handful of former Ordeal members completed the Brotherhood induction. In order to do so, the Brotherhood candidates had to be an active member for a period of six months.

Furthermore, the Brotherhood induction process requires its candidates to ponder the role of the Order of the Arrow in their life. Candidates must memorize the song and obligation of the Order of the Arrow. They must learn the admonition and its meaning. Finally, the Brotherhood hopeful must write a letter in which they demonstrate self-reflection. Detailing both what the Order of the Arrow means to them and their goals to serve their unit and lodge, candidates take a moment of introspection as they solidify their purpose.

New Brotherhood members — congratulations!



BANQUET



Annual Banquet

By rolling the post-Ordeal feast and annual awards banquet into one, Ofi' Tohbi lodge had a memorable and fellowship-filled night.

The annual Order of the Arrow Banquet serves as a time to reflect on the previous year. During the banquet, Ofi' Tohbi also recognizes individuals and families for their dedication to service in the lodge.

In the first three photos above, you can see some of the adults and youth recognized during the banquet. In the top left, former lodge chief Bryant Perkins awards youth Chandler Allen the Arrowman of the Year award. In the top center, Dalton Steed and David Arnold pose with certificates designating them as recipients of the Founder's Award. In the top right, members of the Curry family accept the Ofi' Tohbi Family award from the Lodge Adviser, Jennifer LeBlanc.

This incredible banquet and feast would not have been possible without our amazing cooks In the bottom right, Ben Stepp, Rob LeBlanc, and David Arnold pose in front of the grills. Thank you for your cheerful spirit and wonderful food!

Finally, during the banquet, officers of the new Lodge Executive Committee (LEC) for 2025 were installed. You can meet the new LEC on the next page.

Meet the New LEC



Lodge Chief — Zek Crocker



Vice Chief of Communication — Jacob Zerangue



Vice Chief of Admin — Chandler Allen



Apilachi Chapter Chief — Joey Arnold



Vice Chief of Fellowship — Will Jones



Chicksa Chapter Chief — Parker Stepp



Vice Chief of Service — Dalton Steed



Jacinto Chapter Chief — Erica Allred



Vice Chief of Finance — Cadance Curry



Watonala Chapter Chief — Jenna Holder



Lodge Chief — Zek Crocker

I am happy to serve as the 2025 Lodge Chief, it is a privilege and an honor to be elected. I will work as hard as I can to help the lodge grow. I'm excited to work with the LEC and Lodge Adviser. This is going to be a great year for the Ofi' Tohbi Lodge, as I plan to expand our ceremonies, mentor our upcoming arrow men, and host great events resulting in lasting memories. I want to thank everyone who came to vote, and I look forward to a great year!



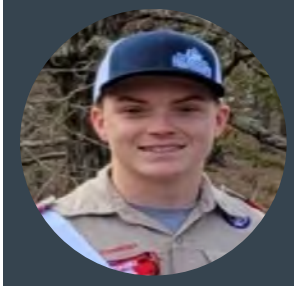
Vice Chief of Admin — Chandler Allen

I am thrilled to serve as the 2025 Vice Chief of Admin. It is such an honor to have been re-elected into this position, and I plan to do my absolute best when it comes to serving the lodge. I look forward to working with Zek, the LEC, and my Adviser Ty Robinson. I thank everyone who came to vote, and I look forward to a fantastic year for our lodge.



Vice Chief of Fellowship — Will Jones

As the 2025 Vice Chief of Fellowship, I plan to help make summer camp OA night run smoothly and be fun for everyone. I also want to help in making Fall Fellowship and other OA events more enjoyable, and create interest in the OA to new members within our lodge. 2025 is going to be fun and full of exciting events. I hope everyone comes out to the events, and is able to have a great time! Thank you for electing me as your 2025 Vice Chief of Fellowship and making the OA what it is.



Vice Chief of Service — Dalton Steed

As the Vice Chief of Service, I plan service projects and events likes Induction. In this role, I would like to provide service projects that everyone could do to help improve the camps.



Vice Chief of Finance — Cadance Curry

My name is Cadance Curry, and I am happy to serve as your Vice Chief of Finance. I am so excited to get to know y'all throughout 2025. This year I hope to make sure that our inventory is up to date and that we have everything we need. I also, and most importantly, cannot wait to sell all of y'all patches! I am so excited and honored to be a part of this lodge and the team that will help to make this year memorable. Here's to a great 2025!



Vice Chief of Communications — Jacob Zerangue

Hello Arrowmen, I am your Vice Chief of Communications for 2025. In this role, I hope to clearly communicate to everybody what all is happening in the lodge. I am looking forward to a good year in Ofi' Tohbi!

Zek Crocker — Lodge Chief

Chandler Allen — VC of Admin

Will Jones — VC of Fellowship

Dalton Steed — VC of Service

Cadance Curry — VC of Finance

Jacob Zerangue — VC of Communications

Joey Arnold — Apilachi Chapter Chief

Parker Stepp — Chicksa Chapter Chief

Erica Allred — Jacinto Chapter Chief

Jenna Holder — Watonala Chapter Chief

Zek Crocker — Head of Ceremonies

Will Jones — Head Dancer

Bryant Perkins — Head Drummer

Elliot B./Cy F. — Promotions Chair

Bryant Perkins — Training Chair

Michaela Georges — Apilachi Relations Chair

Talen Isaacks — Chicksa Relations Chair

Ava Gurley — Jacinto Relations Chair

Logan Tunnell — Watonala Relations Chair

In addition to our newly installed officers, the lodge is proud to announce the Ofi' Tohbi Lodge advisers for 2025. Thank you advisers for your hard work and dedication!

Jennifer LeBlanc — Lodge Adviser

Heidi Eggar — Apilachi Chapter Adviser

Jamie Copelin — Chicksa Chapter Adviser

Larry Gann — Jacinto Chapter Adviser

Ethan Holder — Watonala Chapter Adviser

Ty Robinson — Administration Adviser

David Arnold — Fellowship Adviser

Rob LeBlanc — Service Adviser

Eleanor Perkins — Finance Adviser

Rio Mackie — Communications Adviser

Ben Stepp — Ceremonies Adviser

Erik Jones — Male Dance Adviser

Trina Curry — Female Dance Adviser

William Garth — Drum Adviser

Vance Perkins — Insignia Adviser

Chip Isaacks — Webmaster

Kevin Roberts — Media and Promotions

Melissa Perkins — Training Chair Adviser

Peyton Peralto — Unit Relations Adviser

Winter Fellowship and LOAC

During this busy weekend, Arrowmen still made time for educational programs and fun times!

In the Lodge Order of the Arrow Conference (LOAC), Arrowmen participated in various programs throughout the weekend. Ranging from ceremonies practice to dance, these programs highlighted the work ethic and interests of scouts within the lodge.

In the top right photo, head drummer Bryant Perkins leads a class around the drum. In the center right photo, scouts listen to William Garth for advice. In the bottom right photo, Erik Jones instructs Leo Young on some of the finer points of dancing. Below, Zek Crocker leads a practice for ceremonies.

In addition, Scouts had a weekend of fellowship as Winter Fellowship unfolded. Competing in OA Jeopardy, playing games, and enjoying the weekend, Arrowmen had great time during an action-packed event!









The Lodge Adviser Memo

Dear Arrowmen,

As we wrap up a successful 2024, I want to extend my heartfelt gratitude to our youth leadership and dedicated advisers. This past year has been filled with meaningful experiences and outstanding accomplishments. One highlight, of course, was our Lodge traveling and flying together to NOAC in Colorado—an unforgettable adventure!

I'm excited to see what 2025 will bring under the leadership of our newly elected Lodge Chief, Zek Crocker, and the new youth leadership team. While the postponement of our January Banquet due to inclement weather was unfortunate, it turned into a unique opportunity for an extraordinary combined event. In March, we hosted Banquet, Winter Fellowship, LOAC, and Pre-Camp Induction, all in one grand weekend. I am truly impressed by the dedication and coordination demonstrated by our youth and advisers in pulling off such a large-scale gathering.

The Lodge Executive Committee (LEC) is already hard at work preparing for a spectacular Section E3 Conclave. I hope to see many of you there, representing our Lodge with pride and enthusiasm.

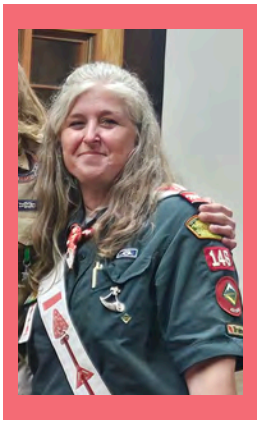
A special thank you goes to Bryant Perkins for his outstanding service as Lodge Chief. As this was my first year as Lodge Adviser, Bryant's experience and leadership were invaluable to me. I also want to recognize our former Lodge Adviser, Vance Perkins. His continued support and guidance set a strong foundation that I strive to uphold.

To our new LEC members and committee chairs—you've hit the ground running. Your early energy and commitment are already making a difference. I'm also thrilled to see our Chapter Chiefs working hard to plan engaging events across all four chapters. I can't wait to see what you accomplish.

As we look ahead, our focus turns to elections and summer camp promotions, with the goal of completing them before June. Your support in these efforts is essential.

We have much to look forward to in 2025: Section E3 Conclave, summer campfires, Post-Camp Inductions, Mississippi Gathering, and, of course, Fall Fellowship. I am confident it will be a fantastic year!

Yours in cheerful service,
Jennifer LeBlanc
Lodge Adviser
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