



SMOKE SIGNALS

SEMIALACHEE LODGE

Semialachee Lodge is part of an organization within Scouting America called the Order of the Arrow, where cheerful service is our purpose. Our goal is to give youth a chance to grow in their leadership through cheerful service and fellowship, and in doing so, learn how to exhibit each point of the Scout Oath and Law in life. At Semialachee Lodge we host events called fellowships. Fellowships are a time to connect with brothers and participate in cheerful service throughout our camp, Wallwood Scout Reservation. But it isn't all just service. We participate in brotherly fellowship with activities, including, but not limited to; Karaoke, Range and Target Activities, Board Games, Swimming, Ultimate Frisbee, Pumpkin Carving, Obstacle Courses, Etc. We hope to see you at our next event!

UPCOMING EVENTS

- ~ SNAW
February 27th – March 1st
- ~ Cherokee Work Day
March 20th – 22nd
- ~ Section Conference
April 10th – 12th
- ~ Spring Fellowship
April 24th – 26th



Lodge Survey



WELCOME TO OUR NEW ORDEAL CANDIDATES!

We at Semialachee Lodge are proud to welcome six new brothers from our most recent ordeal!

Youth - Sean Foos (114), Bowen Lane (700),
Kayden Peter (700).
Adults - Lou Schneider (16), Daren Hoffman (22),
Darrell Peter (700)





WINTER ORDEAL

Winter Ordeal, which was held from the 6th to the 8th of February, is a time where we welcome new candidates to our brotherhood. To prove their worthiness to join our organization, they must show that they are willing to put the work into providing cheerful service by working alongside our brothers to give back to our home camp. On Saturday morning, members and candidates alike started working in cheerful service, where they worked together to clear piles of wood debris, split logs, break up soil, paint, clean, repair trailblazers, repair doors, etc. When we had completed our service we held activities like karaoke, charades, imposter and more. Participating in fellowship with our new brothers who had just gone through their ordeal. Thank you to our wonderful kitchen staff who had been working hard all weekend providing us with wonderful food and full stomachs to sustain us during our work.



TASKS COMPLETED

- Ran 2 log splitters with OA youth moving logs into place and refilling the empty firewood tent.
- Cleared the giant pile of wood debris at the front of the camp and delivered it to Trailblazer to be burned
- Chris Russell and Brian Evanson donated and installed new LED exterior lighting at Staff building.
- Prepared & painted the Med lodge front door.
- Trimmed the Wax Myrtle
- Repaired ceiling and front door at Trailblazers.
- Cleaned dirt buildup on kitchen/dining room doors.
- Cleaned the plexiglass at the serving counter in kitchen.
- Cleared several trailer loads of branches & debris from around camp.
- Cleared branches & down limbs along the Scout Law trail and cleaned the bridge.
- Cut back branches and overgrowth around shed 1 & side gate.
- Broke up the hard soil around the flagpole boxwood bushes.
- Steve Yon painted more white trim around the garage and equipment barn.
- Painted the small utility trailer from rust to white.
- Lou and Becky prepared materials for the upcoming SNAW event.

INTERVIEWS

What was your favorite part about this Ordeal?

Kyle Dodge – Vice Chief of Programs

“Amazing food”

Savannah Berrien – Member

“seeing everybody working together”

Marc Cabansag – Lodge Chief

“The Carpentry projects are always my favorite part”

How does this Ordeal compare to your Ordeal?

Becky Hobbs - Member

“My favorite part was seeing it from the other side, as a brother.”

Richie Lenart – Chaplains Aide

“The work was much more organized.”

What was your favorite part about the Ordeal Ceremonies?

Darren Hoffman – New Member

“My favorite part was the cold night air.”

Lou Schneider – New Member

“The oneness and calm with nature. The sunlight scattering through the trees.”



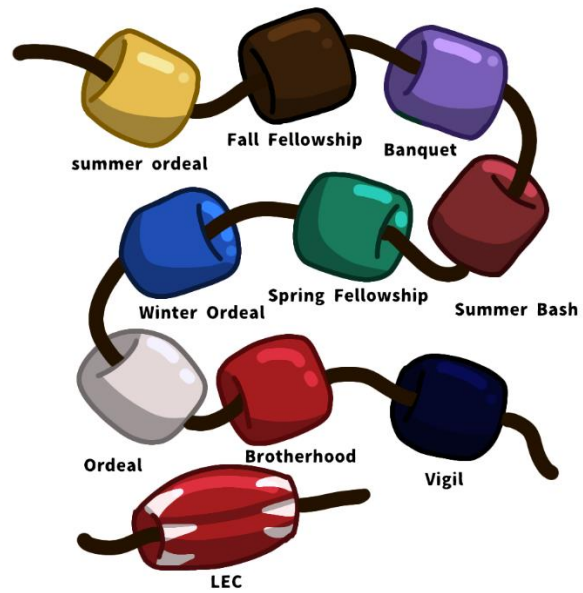
ACTIVE ARROWMEN AWARD

Requirements to achieve the Active Arrowmen Award include the following:

1. If not already a Brotherhood member, earn Brotherhood.
2. Attend at Least Four of the Following Events
 - Lodge Banquet
 - Winter Ordeal (must stay until Sunday AM)
 - SNAW
 - Spring Fellowship (must stay until Sunday AM)
 - Summer Ordeal (must stay until Sunday AM)
 - Fall Fellowship (must stay until Sunday AM)
 - Vigil Reunion
3. Complete Three of the Following
 - Work in the kitchen for a complete weekend
 - Attend 4 LEC meetings in person
 - Serve on a LEC-based committee
 - Serve as a member of the ceremonies team
 - Serve as a member of the drum and dance team
 - Serve as an SNAW committee chairman
 - Serve as an Elangomat
 - Attend Section Conference (also counts for Requirement 2)
 - Attend SLS (also counts for Requirement 2)
 - Provide an additional 4 hours of service above and beyond what is scheduled
4. Attend 2 Lodge History presentations.

WHAT IS THE BEAD PROGRAM?

The Bead Program is a tradition held by Semialachee Lodge over decades. For each event, Ordeal and after, you earn a bead for your participation in making our Lodge as great as it can be as well as for each honor you achieve. OA Beads are worn around the neck to let others know how experienced and active you are within our brotherhood.



MEET OUR LEC!

MARC CABANSAG

2026 LODGE CHIEF

KYLE DODGE

2026 VICE CHIEF OF PROGRAMS

OWEN PADILLA

2026 VICE CHIEF OF INDUCTIONS

DARLA FARMER

2026 VICE CHIEF OF FINANCE

PIPER FESSLER

2026 CEREMONIES CHAIRMEN

HUNTER LASLIE

2026 HISTORIAN

DAVID SMITH

2026 DRUM AND DANCE
CHAIRMEN

RICHARD LENART

2026 CHAPLAINS AIDE