

Teen dedicates scouting project to Shreveport drowning victims

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A Shreveport teen is dedicating his Eagle Scout Project to six teenagers who drowned while swimming in the Red River in 2010.

On Wednesday, Grant Muslow, an eighth grader at Caddo Middle Magnet and a member of St. Paul's Episcopal Troop 14, presented a water safety kiosk and life jacket stand to Sheriff Steve Prator for deputies to use while teaching water safety at Sheriff's Safety Town.

Muslow said he saw a similar stand in Alaska while on vacation and decided to make one himself for his Eagle Scout project. "At first I wanted to create the stand for use on the river," he said, "but then it was suggested that I donate it to Sheriff's Safety Town to help educate children."

So for the next 18 months, Muslow worked on the project, which included researching prices and materials, raising funds, and building the stand.

Once it was completed, he decided to dedicate the project to the six children who drowned August 2, 2010. Affixed to the kiosk is a plaque honoring Litrelle Stewart, Latevin Stewart, LaDarius Stewart, Takeitha Warner, JaMarcus Warner, and JaTavious Warner. Mande Warner, mother of the Warner children, attended today's dedication.

"The commitment that it takes to become an Eagle Scout is, in itself, commendable and honorable," Prator said. "But to use this project to honor the memories of the Stewart and Warner children while teaching others about safety goes beyond that. We're very proud of Grant and thankful for this contribution to Safety Town."

Muslow has fulfilled all 13 required merit badges and eight elective badges to become an Eagle Scout for life. He will sit for his Scoutmaster Conference and Eagle Scout Board of Review in the coming months. This is his eighth year in scouting.

He is the son of Todd and Leah Muslow.

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