

Sea Scouts take part in Bridge of Honor ceremony

Submitted by Rob Gulledge

Several area young people were recognized recently during an awards ceremony at the Coast Guard's Aviation Training Center at Bates Field.

The ceremony, called a Bridge of Honor, was hosted by Sea Scout Ship Mobile Bay to recognize personal achievement in each scout's knowledge of boating safety and seamanship.

Louis Albrecht, Jonathan Thompson, Nic Benefield, Dillon Rees and Andrew Lawrence were awarded Apprentice, which is the first of four stages of advancement in Sea Scouting. Jonathan Everette and Seth Labak were recognized for their accomplishment in attaining the rank of Ordinary.

Sea Scout Apprentice Jonathan Thompson was installed as the Ship's Boatswain, the senior youth leadership position for a local Sea Scout unit. Thompson, a freshman at UMS-Wright Preparatory School, is the son of Jeff and Kelly Thompson of Mobile.

Sea Scouting is a coeducational program of the Boy



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Louis Albrecht (left), Jonathan Thompson and Nic Benefield receive the award of Sea Scout Apprentice.

Scouts of America for youth from the ages of 14 through 20. Sea Scouts gain valuable leadership experience while participating in activities that include kayaking, sailing, scuba diving, marine navigation, and much more.

SSS Mobile Bay is chartered to the Government Street United Methodist

Church and serves youth from Mobile and Baldwin counties. The ship meets each Monday night from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at the church, located at 901 Government St. in downtown Mobile.

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