

Redlands boy rescued from mine shaft

Billy Loenhorst, 13 of 541 Roosevelt road, was reported to be in good condition today at Victor Valley Hospital following a fall into a 50 foot mine shaft yesterday in the Calico area.

Billy was with a group from Redlands hiking in the Doran scenic drive area northeast of Calico when he apparently fell into the shaft, sheriff's deputies said.

Several members of the group from Redlands were hiking and exploring in the area which is dotted with abandoned shafts when the youth fell shortly before 4 p.m. deputies said.

The Barstow sheriff's substation was notified at 4:10 p.m. and an all out rescue effort began. A total of 20 members of the desert rescue team participated in the removal of the youth from the shaft.

Billy suffered a fractured left arm and numerous cuts and abrasions in the fall.

The sheriff's deputies and other members of the rescue team had Billy out at 5:30 p.m. He was then taken to the hospital by Desert Ambulance service.

Deputies pointed out that they were extremely lucky to have managed to save the youth and warned again of the dangers of exploring in the area.

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