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5 Children Rescued from Unused Mine

SAN JOSE — Five children lost for hours in a maze of tunnels deep inside an abandoned quicksilver mine were found shivering but unharmed Saturday by a rescue team led by a 17-year-old boy.

Eileen Patrino, 17, of 2661 Carol Drive, oldest of the lost children, told rescuers they became lost when their light failed as they explored the underground labyrinth.

With her were two brothers, Wayne, 4, and Robin, 9, and two friends, Jim Butters, 17, of 2738 Coit Drive, and Mike Atchison, 17, of 5479 Laura Drive, both of Los Gatos.

They had entered the mine through a small hole in the ground leading into the main tunnel. They became lost after an hour of walking through the maze.

Sheriff's deputies, notified that the children were missing by Eileen's mother, Mrs. Thelma Patrino, sought the aid of Dennis Percy, 17, a neighbor of Mrs. Patrino, in exploring the mine.