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Find body in river here today

The body of 15-year-old David Barnhart, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Barnhart, 1507 Kellogg Ave., who drowned late Friday afternoon, was found by searchers shortly before 11 a.m. today.

The body was found in a snag nearly a mile below Coon's Dam, where the mishap occurred.

The youth and two companions had been floating down the Skunk River from Story City to Ames Friday afternoon when the drowning occurred.

City and county officials, aided by many volunteers, began an intensified search for the body about 8 a.m. today. Two helicopters and boats began probing the river below the dam, according to Deputy Sheriff Dean Drake, who supervised the search.

Throughout the night, volunteers had maintained a watch from bridges and the river banks.

Volunteers included peace officers, firemen, Ames teachers and personnel from the National Animal Disease Laboratory.

Two National Guard helicopters from the Boone Guard unit joined in the search for the youth's body today.

The helicopters and two boats began early this morning to patrol the river from just below Coon's Dam, where the youth drowned, and Cambridge, Drake said.

As the helicopters patrolled overhead, volunteers in the boats continued to probe snags and debris in the river.