

‘True Miracle’: Teen Boy Makes Stunning Recovery After Falling Hundreds of Feet, Being Stranded Alone for Three Days

Thirteen-year-old Dakota “Cody” Trenkle, Jr., is making a miraculous recovery after falling 240 feet into a ravine, where he spent three days alone without food or water.

Cody is now awake after spending 11 days in a medically induced coma, according to KSDK-TV.

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Stephanie Neely, his mother, knew her son was going to recover, she said, when he looked at her and used the sign language symbol for “I love you.”

“I cried,” she said from his bedside at Cardinal Glennon Children’s Hospital in St. Louis, Missouri. “I started bawling. That was the sign I really needed. ... I could finally take a deep breath and finally got some sleep that night because, in my mom heart, I knew he was going to be OK.”

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The fact Cody was even found is incredible.

The young teenager went missing July 27 near Goose Creek Lake after falling off his skateboard. For close to 80 hours, family and volunteers combed through the thick woods to no

avail – until July 30.



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Three days after Cody's harrowing fall, his brother found his skateboard. From that, a K-9 named Daryl with the Farmington Correctional Center was able to pick up Cody's scent and trace it down a 240-foot drop.

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Rescuers found Cody at the bottom of the ravine, lying in a foot of water. He was alive, despite three days of scorching heat, severe brain bleeding, pneumonia, and wounds from the elements. He was immediately airlifted to St. Louis and placed in the pediatric ICU, where doctors kept him sedated and on a ventilator for a week.

He began showing signs of waking up on Friday and was alert enough Saturday to sign "I love you."

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