



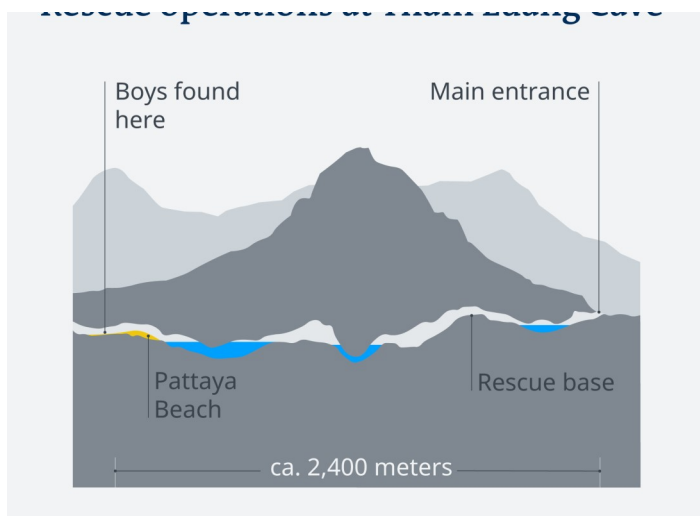
Thai soccer boys cave rescue planned

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There is good news about the twelve boys and their football coach who are trapped in a Thai cave. They are alive and well. The group was missing for nine days, but was found by rescuers yesterday. Thailand has been praying for them to be found since they went missing on June 23. The search for the group was 24-hour news in Thailand. It was unclear where they were or whether or not they were still alive. The boys, aged between 11 and 16, and their 25-year-old coach went missing. They went into the cave in northern Thailand when it was dry, but there was suddenly heavy rain. This blocked the exit to the cave. The rain flooded it and the boys and their coach were trapped.

The bad news is that the soccer team could be trapped in the cave for months. Rescuers have to wait until the water recedes (goes down) before the team can get out. Another possibility is for the boys to learn to dive. If they do that, they can get out sooner. However, none of the boys can swim. Rescuers say they may have to take food, medicine and supplies to the boys for the next four months. They are currently trying to put power and telephone lines in the cave. Two British rescue divers who found the boys said they were all happy, but very, very hungry. The rescuers took a video of them. A mother of one of the boys described her happiness. She said: "I'm so happy I can't put it into words."



SOURCES:

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1. Thirteen people are trapped in a cave in Thailand. **T / F**
2. The soccer coach who is with the boys is 35 years old. **T / F**
3. The entrance to the cave was half-flooded when they first went in. **T / F**
4. The soccer team could have stayed in the cave for months. **T / F**
5. The article said rescuers are putting telephone lines in the cave. **T / F**



1. How scary would it be to be trapped in a cave?
2. What would you do in this situation?
3. Have you ever been trapped somewhere?
4. What do you think of caving?
5. What questions would you like to ask the boys?