

Spartanburg County 15-year-old drowns at Lake Keowee

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A Spartanburg County teenager has died after he drowned Sunday at Lake Keowee at Fall Creek Landing in Salem, according to the Oconee County Coroner's Office.

Coroner Karl E. Addis said authorities received a call at 9:58 a.m. Sunday for a reported drowning at Lake Keowee.

The teenager, identified as 15-year-old Dillon Ray Spears, of Wellford, was recovered by a dive team member at 10:30 a.m. in water 19 feet deep and 30 to 40 yards off shore, Addis

said.

Addis said Spears and a friend were reportedly attempting to swim a cove. Spears appeared to be swimming back toward their entrance point when he went under, the Coroner's Office said.

EMS initiated CPR at the scene, but Spears did not respond. He was pronounced dead at 10:54 a.m. Sunday.

Addis said Spears was described as a good swimmer but fatigue may have been a factor.

The Coroner's Office has ruled the death accidental. No autopsy will be performed.