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Missing Chicago Youth Sought in Aspen Wilds

ASPEN, Colo. — Some 130 students and instructors from the Colorado Outward Bound School were searching Monday for a 14-year-old Chicago, Ill., boy who disappeared Thursday on a mountaineering expedition in the wilderness area between Aspen and Marble.

Missing is Robert Rossetter, a summer camper at Ashcroft Boys Camp 10 miles south of Aspen.

His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Rosetter, were notified Sunday night and were expected in Aspen Monday.

SEEN THURSDAY

According to a camp spokesman, the boy was last seen by his hiking companions Thursday morning on the 12,420-foot Trail Rider Pass 13 miles from Marble. When he failed to reach Marble as scheduled Thursday evening, Director David Farny and others from the camp began searching for him.

Forty-eight hours later, the Outward Bound School four miles above Marble was asked to begin a search.

Ninety-six young men scattered throughout the wilderness area were notified by runners and shortwave radio. Simultaneously, a mobile Outward Bound camp with 35 more students and instructors began a search from the other side of the wilderness area near Ashcroft.

Sheriff Lorain Herwick of Pitkin County said he was notified the Rosetter boy was missing at 1:30 a.m. Sunday. He said he

did not intend to recruit Pitkin County volunteers yet "for fear of getting too many amateurs in the way."

SNOW FALLS

Night temperatures have been below freezing, and some snow fell late Sunday in the high country, hampering search efforts and increasing fears about the Rossetter boy's safety.

Mrs. Farny said the boy was carrying a back pack containing bread and a sleeping bag. It was not determined whether he had any matches.