

Timeline of THAI CAVE RESCUE MISSION

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WEEK 1

SATURDAY June 23	SUNDAY June 24	MONDAY June 25	TUESDAY June 26	WEDNESDAY June 27	THURSDAY June 28	FRIDAY June 29
DAY 1	DAY 2	DAY 3	DAY 4	DAY 5	DAY 6	DAY 7
After 12 members of Wild Boar soccer team and their coach go missing, the rescue mission begins.	Rising waters prompt rescue teams to postpone search; bags and sandals are found 3,058 meters (1.9 miles) inside the cave.	Officials start pumping water out of cave after search is halted again because of flooding.	Helicopters search for other entrances to cave, only to be stopped by heavy rains.	U.S. and U.K. military arrive to assist 1,000 army and navy troops, along with local volunteers.	Heavy-duty pumps are used to fight floodwaters, but rescuers have to stop operations for five hours because of heavy rains.	China joins rescue efforts.

WEEK 2

SATURDAY June 30	SUNDAY June 31	MONDAY July 1	TUESDAY July 2	WEDNESDAY July 3	THURSDAY July 4	FRIDAY July 5
DAY 8	DAY 9	DAY 10	DAY 11	DAY 12	DAY 13	DAY 14
Australia sends experts in.		Thai Navy SEALs work with experts from six countries to reach the caves; more equipment arrives by plane.	Two British divers find the 12 boys and coach alive 2.5 miles inside the cave, sitting on a shelf above the floodwaters.	Medical help, water, food and blankets are brought to the team by the Thai Navy SEALs.	Rescuers run drills on how to bring the boys out of the cave.	Water continues to be pumped out of the cave, while trekkers try to find another opening to the area where the boys are.

WEEK 3

SATURDAY July 6	SUNDAY July 7	MONDAY July 8	TUESDAY July 9	WEDNESDAY July 10
DAY 15	DAY 16	DAY 17	DAY 18	DAY 19
Former Thai Navy SEALs sergeant Saman Kunan, who was volunteering with the dive teams, dies when his oxygen runs out underwater in the cave system.	Heavy rain forecasts prompts rescuers to race against time.	Four boys are rescued from the cave 11 hours after 18 divers entered to retrieve them.	Nine hours after divers resume the rescue mission, four more boys are rescued.	The divers rescue the remaining four boys and their coach. Not long after, an industrial-size hose burst, pouring water into the cave. The remaining rescuers and divers inside had to hurriedly exit.