Michael Aubrey Weary, Thirsty--and OK

The Wilkes County Sheriff's Department has confirmed that Search and Rescue teams have found a missing 12-year-old boy scout who was lost in the woods off the Blue Ridge Parkway. After four days of searching, rescue workers found Michael Auberry a little after 11am this morning. His father was there when the rescue call came in. Michael was reunited with his family, who believed all along that Michael's Boy Scout survival skills and his heavy parka would provide protection and help keep him alive. The Greensboro Boy Scout disappeared from a scout camp Saturday in Doughton Park just off the Parkway in Wilkes County. Search crews included volunteers and family members conducted a massive 24-hour search that included bloodhounds and a helicopter with thermal imaging. Temperatures dropped low in the thirties during the early part of the search, but warming temperatures also gave the rescuers some hope.

His scout troop was camping at Doughton Park located near the Blue Ridge Parkway in Wilkes and Allegheny Counties. Search crews have extended their search looking further away from the camp area. According to WFMY, authorities are also using bloodhounds and a helicopter with thermal imaging to try to find the boy. Auberry's parents are participating in the search. They say Michael suffers from ADD and hasn't had medication since Saturday, causing additional concern. Authorities believe he wandered off to explore. Park rangers say they are not aware of his having had any arguments or problems with the troop. Authorities have found a mess kit, backpack and footprints. Although authorities are hopeful in that Michael was known to have learned survival skills as part of his scout training, and was wearing a padded parka, which would have given him some protection in the cold temperatures. Auberry was last seen wearing Blue Jeans, a red jacket with reflective pockets, a long-sleeve sweatshirt, blue cap and hiking boots. Michael is 5 feet 4 inches tall, weighs 110 pounds with auburn hair. He wears glasses, and may be in need of medical attention. If you have information, contact the Wilkes County Sheriff's Office at 336-651-7501.