

Boy swept away, dies in Texas flooding

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DALLAS - Scattered rainfall plagued soggy southeastern Texas on Wednesday amid reports a teenage boy had been swept away and drowned in a raging creek.

The boy was playing with a friend when he fell into the creek Tuesday night in Garland, northeast of Dallas, The Dallas Morning News reported.

Fire spokesman Merrill Balanciere said rescuers threw the boy a rope but he couldn't grasp it and vanished. His body was found downstream two hours later.

"The water is from waist to chest deep in some areas and there are some people even sitting on top of their houses waiting for someone to come and get them," Balanciere said.

The National Weather Service said this has been one of the wettest Junes in North Texas on record, as rain has fallen at Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport on 15 days this month, with totals nearing 9 inches, three times the usual amount.

Damage from Tuesday's storms appeared less severe than last week's floods that led Texas Gov. Rick Perry to declare disaster areas in four counties, the report said.

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