

## **\$1.1 Million Settlement in School Trip Drowning Case**

A boy drowned in a creek while on a fieldtrip. Robson Forensic was retained to determine if the actions of the school or its designees contributed to the boy's death.

On a school trip at an overnight wilderness campground, a boy and several classmates left the campsite area to play in the creek with no chaperones present. One student said they knew of a rope swing in the area and the group started to swim across the creek in an attempt to reach the swing. The boy drowned while crossing the creek.

Our expert showed that the school violated the standards of supervision and care, which resulted in the boy's death. The school failed to oversee the students while on the trip and did not reasonably prohibit them from straying from the group. The school also failed to properly chaperone the overnight trip and did not have a protocol or procedure to respond to emergencies. These failures violated the standard of care for safe school sponsored fieldtrip operations and supervision. The school's actions were dangerous in a manner that caused the boy's death.

This case settled for \$1.1 million prior to trial.

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