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Search underway for STAR Academy walkaways

Pierre, S.D. – A search is underway for two youth that walked away from an outing in Custer State Park Wednesday night.

The two male youth from the Youth Challenge Center program of the State Treatment and Rehabilitation (STAR) Academy near Custer walked away from the Black Hills Community Playhouse at approximately 8:45 MT July 25th.

One of the youth is a 17-year-old Native American from the Pine Ridge area. He is approximately 5-foot-9 inches tall and weighs 165 pounds. He has black hair and brown eyes. The other youth is white and 15 years old from Clark County. He is approximately 5-feet-7 inches tall and weighs 135 pounds. He has brown hair and green eyes.

STAR Academy staff and law enforcement are involved in the search.