



**Special
Olympics**
Maryland



SPECIAL OLYMPICS WORLD SUMMER GAMES TEAM USA ATHLETE SPOTLIGHT: CHRIS DOOLEY

**Hometown: Denton, Maryland (Caroline County)
Sport: Kayaking**



Chris Dooley is a dedicated Special Olympics Maryland (SOMD) athlete from Caroline County, who is excited to compete as part of Team USA at the Special Olympics World Summer Games. In his first appearance at the World Games, Chris will be traveling to Los Angeles with five other SOMD athletes and will be participating in kayaking.

Chris has been involved with SOMD for five years and has participated in golf, powerlifting and kayaking. In addition to supporting Chris at each of his competitions, Chris' mom also volunteers at the events and continuously tries to recruit new volunteers and athletes. Special Olympics has helped Chris make new friends and encouraged him to try new sports he's never competed in.

Beyond Special Olympics, Chris works as a helper at the Caroline Center in Ridgely, Maryland. Chris is also a member of the Knights of Columbus of the fourth degree and is an usher at his church. In his spare time, Chris enjoys drawing.

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