

Jordan VanKooten

*Special
Olympics
Illinois*



Sport: Athletics
Hometown: Chatham, IL
Age: 23

1. How long have you been with Special Olympics?

He's participated since April 2011 doing basketball skills, soccer skills, athletics, golf, bowling, and volleyball skills.

2. How has Special Olympics changed your life?

It's helped Jordan meet new friends, enables him to compete in sports, and be included.

3. What has been your biggest obstacle to overcome?

His biggest obstacle is speaking to others. He talks to teammates and others that he competes with.

4. What makes you most proud?

He's most proud of doing a good job, winning medals, and having family and friends cheer him on.

5. What are some other accomplishments you are proud of?

He's proud of being the 2019 Region H Athlete of the Year.

6. What other interests or hobbies do you have?

He likes watching YouTube Videos, anything Disney, and he enjoys camping and fishing. He's involved at church as an usher, greeter, and leader in the Royal Rangers boys ministry.

7. Who do you admire most and why?

He admires his dad because he helps at home and also coaches.

8. What does attending USA Games mean to you?

It means he gets to compete against the best.

9. How are you preparing/training for USA Games?

He practices at a local track.



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10. Have you been to a World Games or USA Games before?

None

11. Are you employed? If so, where at and what's your role?

He works at Impression Designs - a new company that prints t-shirts, hats etc. that hires those with special needs. Jordan presses shirts, folds, and fills orders.

12. Are you currently a student? If so, where and is it a Unified Champion School?

No

