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St. Croix Falls Athlete to Compete in 2007
Special Olympics World Summer Games in Shanghai

Madison- Maren Meister, 23 of St. Croix Falls, is one of three from Wisconsin joining a 540-member delegation representing the United States as Team USA at the 2007 Special Olympics World Summer Games in Shanghai, China. This event marks the 12th Special Olympics World Games and the second time these games are held in Asia.

Meister is set to compete in bowling at the Games. She has been involved in Special Olympics for 10 years, and has trained in bowling for all of them. Meister has won various awards through Special Olympics including a gold medal in bowling at the 2005 Special Olympics Wisconsin State Fall Sports Tournament. Her hobbies include singing, dancing, playing the piano, hanging out with friends and watching television. Meister is very excited to attend the 2007 World Games in Shanghai.

“I will do my very best,” Meister says. “I am honored to represent the United States.”

Team USA will meet next July in Nashville for training Camp. They will meet their World Games Coach there, and continue training for a medal-winning performance in China.

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