

## A "surf's up" Thanksgiving for local disabled teenager

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Chase Marcott straps himself into wheelchair do one of the things he loves. Basketball.

Born with spina bifida, Chase has lived his whole life in a wheelchair. But he's on the Rochester wheelchair basketball team and he competes in track and field. And the trophies and medals on display in his home shows he does both well.

"I don't like the word different because I don't think anyone is different," Chase said. "I think everyone has their own unique outside cover."

That's what got Chase noticed thousands of miles from home. Through a Facebook friend, Chase was picked to attend a special camp in Costa Rica. It's called Ocean Healing Group -- a camp that takes kids from their wheelchairs into the water. They learn how to surf and be independent.

It's an organization that helps disabled young people experience the thrill of catching a wave. The motto is "take the dis out of disability."

[Click here](#) to watch a video of *Ocean Healing Group*.

"I'll learn more self confidence with myself and learn that even though I am in a wheelchair I can do whatever I want," Chase said.

"I'll probably cry. I am going to cry," Chase's mother Kristen Marcott said as she imagined her son going into the ocean for the first time. "It doesn't even seem like it's real. Who surf's in Rochester?"

Today we followed Chase to his family's thanksgiving day dinner. Just him, 35 of his relatives and enough food to feed them all.

They're thankful to be together and thankful to know a young man picked to go on a trip of a lifetime.

"Just being a good person motivates me," Chase said. "I don't want to just sit in my house and watch movies all day. I want to go out and be a normal teenage kid."

Chase and mother mom leave for Costa Rica on Friday. They'll be at the camp for seven days.