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A friend's birthday party introduced junior Tyler

Overton to rock climbing when he was 8. He en-joyed it. "I like the problem solving aspect of it," he said. "Each route has a different style or feel to it." His parents signed him up for a summer camp. Climb Iowa was forming climbing teams and asked him to join. He kept climbing for a period of years, even making it to Nationals in 2011 and again in 2014

Making it to Nationals had its setbacks. During a practice he did a powerful move and his knee came straight in contact with a bolt clip causing a split. It took Overton a couple of seconds to realize it. "When I did, I was like 'oh (shoot)' and I yelled at my partner to lower me." When he touched the ground he immediately tried to close

to uched the ground he immediately tried to close the wound with his fingers. "It didn't bleed very much at first but eventually it picked up," he said. His coach got the med kit and started wrapping up the wound and called his mom. They took him to the ER where he later got eight stitches. This occurred right before sport regional, the event before divisionals and nationals. The jointy

event before divisionals and nationals. The injury sidelined him for about a week and a half. Upon his return the injury impacted him little. "I didn't notice the stitches that much I only felt a slight tug when I bent it too far," he said.

Despite the setback Overton was able to com-pete at Regionals where he placed 7th.



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