

HAPPY TRAILS: A REPORT FROM THE RODEO ROAD

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Hello again,

After my trip to Florida, I was able to attend an event in my home state, the 2012 Miss Northwest Professional Rodeo Association's coronation fundraiser. It was so great to see everyone and to support my good friend Emily Clark. On the way home from Bend, I even stopped to play in the snow at Ski



Mackenzie at Ski Bowl.

Bowl. I was the only one in Wranglers, Justin boots, and an NFR jacket!

My next appearance took my to Ogden, Utah where I had the opportunity to serve as a clinician at the Miss Rodeo Utah Boot Camp. Again, I was put in a position where I was able to share some of my knowledge about pageantry and

being a rodeo ambassador with girls who were aspiring to be rodeo queens. The rodeo queen programs in Utah do an amazing job at preparing their girls. It was very refreshing to see so many bright faces who were so eager to learn

and listen to what I had to say. I spoke to them about the interviewing process, public speaking, and working with the media. Highlighting all of the dos and don'ts that pertain to each area of



Mackenzie at the Miss Rodeo Utah Queen Boot Camp.

competition.

For my next stop, I traveled from the frigid cold snow in Utah, to the humidity in Houston, Texas. Similar to having the privilege of sharing some of my rodeo knowledge, I was honored

to work at Rodeo Houston for two weeks. This was one of the first times Miss Rodeo America has been there, and I am so grateful for the opportunity.

I spent my two week stay promoting the rodeo and explaining to the general public what and who I was. Many people had never been to a rodeo and were quite interested in learning what all the best sport on dirt entails. They had also never heard of the Miss Rodeo America program and were



Mackenzie with Miss Rodeo Texas Lauren Graham at Rodeo Houston.

surprised to hear that I was from Oregon and not Texas.

I'm sure that you can see a common theme emerging from a lot of my trips, education. I feel that that is the most important aspect of my job as Miss Rodeo America. It is not the fame or glory that comes with the title, it is having the opportunity to speak to others about my passion. More gratification comes from being able to help and teach others, than from the glitz and the glamor. I am so blessed to be in the position I am today, thank you again for this once in a lifetime opportunity.

Until next time.

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