

HAPPY TRAILS: A REPORT FROM THE RODEO ROAD

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for your unending kindness and support!
I wrapped up September with a quick trip to

Hello again!

September came and went just as quickly as August did. I again stayed on the West Coast for the entire month, hitting two rodeos in Oregon and making a quick trip to California to judge the National Beef Ambassador Contest. The reoccurring theme of September was seeing old friends and familiar faces each place that I visited throughout my travels.



Mackenzie at the Pendleton Round-Up: above, riding in the non-motorized parade; below visiting with some fans.

I began my September expeditions at the infamous Pendleton Round-Up in my home state. So much tradition surrounds this rodeo, and every year my family and I have traditions of our own that we take part in. I rode in the non-motorized parade, watched two

are taking part in, and debunking any myths concerning the Beef Community. By telling the beef story, these ambassadors are not only spreading the word about beef, but the entire agriculture industry as well. Being able to take part in the choosing of next year's representatives was such an honor. I was able to reconnect with



Proud mother Barb Carr with Mackenzie at the Pendleton Round-Up

many of the American National CattleWomen Members I had met previously this year in Nashville, and make new friends with the 2013 contestants.

I cannot believe how quickly September flew by. I only have a few appearances left before I head down to Las Vegas for the 2012 Wrangler National Finals Rodeo and 2013 Miss Rodeo America Pageant. It seems like just yesterday I was there vying for the title. What a year it has been so far! I am truly going to soak in these last couple months.

Until next time.



Scouts Take a Hike

Six members of Boy Scout Troop 201 went on an overnight backpack trip on the Banks-Vernonia Linear Trail. The trip is a required activity in order for the Scouts to be eligible to earn their Eagle Scout. The Scouts backpacked a total of twenty-two miles, over-nighting at Stub Stewart State Park and returning to Anderson park the following day. The Scouts were accompanied by Scout Master John Fitch and Brandon Eyrrick. Pictured left to right are Scouts Jeff Goodman, Jacob Eyrrick, Brad Ely, Gabe Roberts, Bridger Stewart and Scout Master Fitch. Not pictured is Ethan Johnston.

amazing rodeo performances, and spent time with the Round-Up Royal Court and Rodeo Committee. As for my family's traditions, any trip to Pendleton would not be complete without a watching the Happy Canyon Indian Pageant, taking a tour of the Pendleton Underground, eating a juicy steak at Hamley's, and shopping the streets of Pendleton. Each year I make the drive to attend the Round-Up, I am reminded why it is one of my favorite rodeos. Anyone is welcome and everyone receives the same "Let'er Buck" hospitality.

Following the Round-Up, I was off to Central Oregon for the Northwest Professional Rodeo Association Finals. The NPRA is the largest regional rodeo association in the country, sanctioning rodeos in Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Nevada, and Northern California. I had the privilege of representing this amazing amateur association as their queen in 2009. It was truly humbling for them to bring me back as Miss Rodeo America. I truly enjoyed seeing all of my rodeo family and spending time promoting their finals rodeo. Thank you again to everyone

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