



I want to thank everyone who put time and effort in to making the 2009 Miss Rodeo Nebraska Pageant one of the most memorable experiences of my life. The Miss Rodeo Nebraska Association, sponsors, and judges made sure we were well taken care of from the accommodations to the words of encouragement each contestant received throughout the contest. As a competitor, it was wonderful knowing that we were there to have fun and the only stress that could occur was what we put on ourselves. I hope and pray that Morgan Marshall, Holly Soucie, and Anita Moorhead return next year. What an outstanding group of girls. It was amazing how the four of us became so close in four short days. We were all fast friends from the beginning. The first night we were enjoying each other's company so much that we came up with a plan to have a slumber party, but quickly thought better of it since we knew if

we did that we wouldn't get any sleep!! Every day we would help one another get ready when assistance was needed and every night we would stay up and listen to each other's speech to build our confidence when it came time to present them. For me, speeches are the hardest part of competition due to the fact that they are scripted. Memorization is my downfall, but I have improved and the morning of the speeches when I stepped on to the stage to give my speech, I knew I wasn't standing there alone. My Mother, who passed away three weeks prior to the competition, was there to make sure I didn't mess up. It was as though she was urging me to keep going so I wouldn't stumble on a word and lose my place. If you believe in God, yourself, and your abilities, you can do anything. I proved this by continuing to compete when I had just suffered the greatest loss of my life thus far. My Mother said "Don't let me be your downfall and if being Miss Rodeo Nebraska 2009 is what you want, then go for it". I would also like to pass on a word of advice that my Father gave me a long time ago. "Live life with no regrets". To do this, you must be determined. Determination builds character. Having character makes you the person that you are. I was amazed the night I was crowned Miss Rodeo Nebraska 2009. As I sat in that arena I realized where my determination had led me—straight to the top. The shock of it all still has not completely settled in, however, settled or not, I feel as though I have hit the ground running. I have been at the Grand Opening of the Golden Spike Tower in North Platte, the Seward 4th of July Celebration, and part of the Pikes Peak or Bust Rodeo in Colorado Springs. I have been very blessed with the people I have met through my adventures thus far. I earned my "oats" in Colorado Springs when three little girls came up and started firing questions at me. I was delighted to tell them what I knew and they seemed satisfied with my answers. It's times like these that make a Rodeo Queen proud to have her job and to teach people about rodeo and what makes it whole and strong as not only a sport, but a lifestyle. In closing I want to thank all of the Mothers and Fathers who support us through our endeavors. I also want to thank friends that encourage us and committees and volunteers that make being a representative of rodeo possible. Without any of these important aspects, I wouldn't have been able to dream and do what I do. All in all, I am proud to represent my family and friends, my community, my state, and this nation as Miss Rodeo Nebraska 2009. Take Care and God Bless!!

Amy Amack—Lady in Waiting Miss Rodeo Nebraska 2009



Well I am still on cloud nine from being crowned your Miss Teen Rodeo Nebraska 2008. I want to thank all of you involved in the contest. It takes a lot of work and you are a very awesome group of people. I want to thank MRN 2008 Kristen Schott and MTRN 2007 Tammy Moorhead—you two really helped us have fun and enjoy the days during the contest. I know my year will be busy and I am looking forward to meeting new people and learning new things as I promote rodeo in this great state. I have been attending rodeos and queen contests and have enjoyed meeting new people and especially have enjoyed the smiles and hugs I receive from the children. Children are the best supporters of the future of rodeo so I feel we have to get them "hooked" now. I will never forget one moment at a rodeo, they were playing the National Anthem and two little boys were sitting on their dad's horse when one of them turned to the other one and said "Take your hat off, it's the National Anthem!". It was very cute and heartwarming. I was also able to attend the Miss High School Rodeo Nebraska Pageant Luncheon where I met some new friends and chatted with old friends as well. After Hastings, I attended the National Day of the Cowboy celebration in Ainsworth. Wow that was a joy. MRN 2009 Amy Amack and I were the center of attention. Everyone was very interested in the job we do to promote rodeo. We spent a late night singing Karaoke and woke up the next morning to ride in the parade. We spent the rest of the day at the official site talking to people and watching presentations. Thank you to my host family, Ken and Ruth O'Hare, for opening their home to me! My next appearance was at my home county fair. I was so proud to attend the fair as Miss Teen Rodeo Nebraska because that is where I got my start. My neighbor who got me hooked on horses and my first horse club leader where grinning from ear to ear. Next I traveled to the neighboring county fair which was a ringing wet experience. It started raining right after they announced the new queen and princess. I went right to my trailer and put on my old boots, jeans, and my yellow rain gear and worked the arena. It was a blast running through the rain and the mud!! I learned I wasn't only a "fair-weather" queen. That's all for now. Hope to see you down the road.

Kristen Kohmetscher—Miss Teen Rodeo Nebraska 2008

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