

# Miss Rodeo Wyoming Association News



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## Welcome Miss Rodeo Wyoming Contestants



I would like to welcome all of the contestants to the Miss Rodeo Wyoming Pageant. I am so proud that you made a decision to compete and am hoping that you all take the time to really enjoy the experience. It is a life changing week that will add bricks to your house of character. If you let it, the experience will teach, inspire, motivate and create special moments that last forever.

I remember getting ready for the pageant last year. I was riding my horse everyday, organizing clothes, polishing boots and studying until my eyes wouldn't stay open! Preparing for the Miss Rodeo America pageant hasn't been much different. I am still riding everyday, continually organizing and cleaning clothes and studying everything I can get my hands on.

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I wanted to share a little bit about my mindset going into the Miss Rodeo America Pageant. I have been extremely competitive my entire life. We would play the board game Monopoly and sometimes I would be so intense that I would cause battles with the other players or I would watch the others players so carefully to make sure that they didn't cheat, that I would completely forget about enjoying myself and having fun.

Life is so very short and even in a game of Monopoly I needed to enjoy myself. They do call it a game after all! I have my game plan for the pageant just like many of you and that is great to have a gameplan but be flexible. Understand that the crown is given to one girl but the memories that were created and the experience is a gift to each and every one. Enjoy showing how you have grown and what you have learned. Use the opportunity to improve your interviewing skills and your horsemanship skills. Thrive on being the best rodeo queen that you can be and not so much on the competition.

When I show up in Vegas this December, I will be competing against myself and will be trying to have the best interviews that I have ever had, the best horsemanship that I have ever had, and I will be challenging myself to a competition.

I can't wait to see all of you in Douglas and please let me know if you have any questions or you just want to chat. See you soon.

*God Bless, Stacy Jo*

P.S. I wanted to share some of my tips for getting ready. Before you come make sure you are getting plenty of sleep and eating nutritiously. My platform this year is "Whip Into Shape". I emphasize the importance of eating healthy and staying in shape, so I take that very seriously and so should you. It is important for everyone in everyday life but especially for girls preparing for a pageant.

Don't forget to bring your study materials to the pageant with you because you can look something up if it slips your mind during an interview.

Have all of your clothes picked out for each event



and have them labeled with the jewelry and all of the accessories attached to the outfit. Label all of your boots so you know which one is which. This will speed up your getting ready time.

This year is exciting because you are staying in the dorms at the fairgrounds. You will have plenty of bathroom space and bunk beds. I am so excited for all of you.

Remember that life is not about the destination but about the journey. You never know what the Lord has in store for you and I can guarantee that he has a detailed plan for you. One girl comes

home with the crown but you all get the memories. It is only as good as you make it so make it a fantastic week!



## One of these ladies will become Miss Rodeo Wyoming 2009



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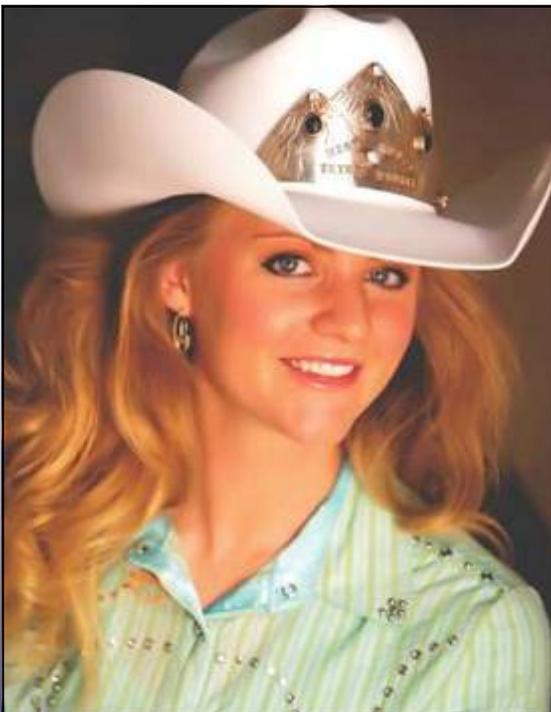
# Seven Vie for Miss Rodeo Wyoming 2009



Allie Bass  
WYO Rodeo Queen  
From Sheridan



Emily Delyea  
Miss Converse County Cowbelles  
From Douglas



Erin Heffron  
Miss Teton County Fair & Rodeo  
From Alta



Shannon King  
Pine Bluffs Rodeo Queen  
From Cheyenne





# Seven Vie for Miss Rodeo Wyoming 2009



Hailey Kogianes  
Sublette County Rodeo Queen  
From Pinedale



Bradi Nelson  
Miss All Around  
From Cheyenne



Beth Wood  
Miss Laramie Jubilee  
From Laramie





# Miss Rodeo Wyoming 2009 Pageant Schedule

Pageant in Douglas during the Wyoming State Fair  
Partial Schedule as of 7/14/08

## TUESDAY, AUGUST 12, 2008

- 4:00 - 5:00 p.m. Stall horses on Fairgrounds via South Gate (Cowboy Drive),  
5:00 p.m. Check in at Dorm at Fairgrounds.  
7:00-8:30 p.m. All contestants present for Orientation. Judges round table (30 MINUTES)  
8:30 p.m. Complimentary Subway party

## WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 13, 2008

- 7:00 a.m. Breakfast at McDonalds.  
8:30a.m.-12:30 Horsemanship Interview at Pioneer Museum.  
1:15 - 2:00 p.m. Luncheon-Hosted by the Douglas Rotary Club at the Rotary Club Fairgrounds booth.  
3:00 p.m. 1<sup>st</sup> Round Horsemanship, Fairgrounds Silver/Yellow (Arena to be confirmed).  
Public welcome.  
5:30 - 6:45 p.m. Ag Appreciation picnic hosted by the Wyoming Livestock Round-up at Riverside Park. May change location. Contestants will introduce themselves and their auction item. Silent auction will be held at this time.  
7:00 - 8:00 p.m. Steer Roping Calcutta at the Moose.  
Public welcome.

## THURSDAY, AUGUST 14, 2008

- 7:00 a.m. Breakfast at Village Inn.  
11:30 a.m. SPEECHES AND MODELING LUNCHEON AT THE MOOSE LODGE. Contestants & family need to purchase their ticket by 08/01/08.  
Public welcome.  
5:15 p.m. Arbys  
6:30 - 7:30 p.m. Appearance at Fairgrounds. Impromptu questions, and dance routine. Possibly at the Pepsi Stage. (stage to be confirmed)  
Public welcome.  
7:30 - 9:00 p.m. Sell programs and Sign Autographs on the Midway.

## FRIDAY, AUGUST 15, 2008

- 7:30 a.m. 2<sup>nd</sup> Round horsemanship, Fairgrounds (Arena will be confirmed)  
Public welcome.  
11:00 a.m. Douglas Sorority Brunch: Morton Mansion Bed & Breakfast.  
1:00 p.m. Timed Interviews at Museum  
5:00 - 6:00 p.m. K.F.C. Dinner  
7:00 - 8:30 p.m. Contestants and horses READY for Rodeo.

## SATURDAY, AUGUST 16, 2008

- 7:30 a.m. Complimentary Breakfast at Holiday Inn Express.  
9:00 a.m. Ride to parade line up. (Line up behind Mini Mart 4<sup>th</sup> street.)  
10:00 a.m. Parade  
11:00 a.m. Girls get their belongings together. Parents may come and help check out. After this, the contestant will be released to their parents or sponsor, to go shop and enjoy our many Douglas Businesses, sponsors, and WSF.  
5:00-6:45p.m. Sell programs  
7:00 - 9:00 p.m. Contestants and Horses READY for Rodeo and Crowning of Miss Rodeo Wyoming.

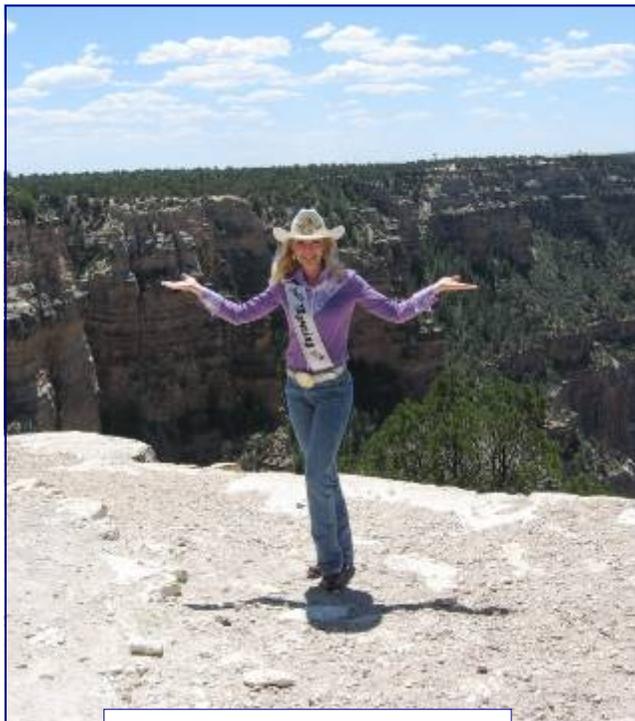




# Road Report

WOW! I can't believe how the time has flew by. I am in the busiest rodeo season of the year and it just amazes me how quickly the summer has gone by. I remind myself everyday that I am Miss Rodeo Wyoming 2008 and that I need to enjoy every minute of this year and every year that the Lord gives me.

In mid May I was able to attend the Miss Rodeo Arizona Pageant and the Payson rodeo in Payson, Arizona. It was great! I thought the entire state of Arizona was desert, but that is not the case. Payson is a beautiful mountainous town that is higher in elevation so it was nice and cool the entire trip. They treated us great there. We took flights in private planes over the town of Payson and that is where I decided that I am going to get my private pilots license. My dad at my host family was my pilot



At the Grand Canyon

so he gave me all of the details and I am ready to start after I am done "queening" and have a really good job. I didn't realize how expensive it was. Katie Hill is Miss Rodeo Arizona 2007 and she was so excited that we were all there. She set up a trip to the Grand Canyon. It was great! It was mesmerizing staring down the canyon and barely being able to see the bottom. It is one of the seven natural wonders of the world. I am ready to see the other six!!

After the Grand Canyon I truly thought that I had reached the pinnacle of my time as Miss Rodeo Wyoming. I couldn't imagine seeing anything greater or getting to experience anything more rewarding. I soon found out that in every trip I make it will have a highlight that makes up the ingredients of my year. Elizabeth, Colorado was my next adventure. I was very excited because my dad, Orville was able to go with me. He was put to work as a volunteer working on the bucking chute. He said it was the best seat in the house!! I met some amazing people and cannot even begin to explain the hospitality and



Having fun in Arizona.



Little Miss Wyoming Pageant.

generosity that was extended to me in Elizabeth. I am so grateful to be a part of a circuit that truly appreciates their queens.

The next trip I was blessed to be able to take my mom with me. We were both judges for the Little Miss Wyoming Pageant and boy did we have fun!!! There were over 60 little girls competing for titles. They





*Road Report Cont.*

had to complete an interview, talent, casual wear and formal wear. It is a great program for girls who are interested in competing in a rodeo queen contest when they are older. It was fun to judge with some other royalty, like Miss Wyoming and Mrs. Wyoming and talk about the differences in our organizations. They were a little jealous when we were in an air-conditioned room and I was comfortable wearing a thick leather dress and they were freezing in their tiny evening gowns. I think that was one of the only times in a leather dress that I wasn't sweating.

I left Douglas and headed to North Platte, Nebraska for Nebraskaland Days. It was great to pull into town and see a sign that read "Home of Miss Rodeo Wyoming". We had a pool party and I was so excited because there was a beach volleyball court. We played all evening and had a great barbeque dinner. Megan Grieve and I were roommates and we got to stay in the bunkhouse. The rodeo was great and I couldn't have been prouder to represent my state as Miss Rodeo Wyoming. The second night that we were in North Platte, there was a hailstorm and when we woke up we had no electricity. Megan and I used our resources and ended up getting ready in her dad's trailer. It was great. It was fun



**Signing Autographs with other State Queens in North Platte, Nebraska.**

seeing Amy Amack crowned the 2009 Miss Rodeo Nebraska. She is going to be a great representative for the state of Nebraska.

After a couple days at home I loaded up the truck and headed to Douglas again for the Wyoming High School Rodeo Finals. I competed in High School Rodeo for four years and held the title of Wyoming High School Rodeo Queen for 2002-2003. I was very honored to be a judge and it took me back to the good old days of High School Rodeo. It was always exciting competing for a state title

and a trip to the National High School Finals Rodeo. I was very blessed to be a state champion in Girls Cutting in 2002 and 2003. Farmington, New Mexico is where the finals are this year and that is where I competed for the National Titles.

I headed straight from Douglas to the Greeley Stampede. Greeley has always been such a fun rodeo! I was thrilled to be able to help and observe the Miss Rodeo Colorado Pageant as well as participate in the grand entry and all of the many activities that go on

during the Stampede. Living so close to the Colorado border, I have gotten to know all of the girls that competed. It was exciting watching them show off their skills. I spent the week with Miss Rodeo Oklahoma, Miss Rodeo Arkansas, Miss



**State Queens and Miss Rodeo America at Nebraskaland Days**





## Road Report Cont.



**Fourth of July in the Rodeo Capitol of the World.**

Rodeo Kentucky and Miss Rodeo Colorado. We enjoyed ourselves tremendously!! I forgot how hot it gets in Greeley during the stampede. It was exciting because my entire family came to Greeley to cheer me on and support me. Wyatt and Aurora, my niece and nephew were so excited to see me at the rodeo and to ride some of the rides at the carnival.

My next stop took me to the Rodeo Capitol of the World, Cody, Wyoming. I had been looking forward to this rodeo all year and it was better than I could have ever imagined. It was so nice being in my home state and watching the rodeo fans that flock in from all over the world. Miss Rodeo America, Amy Wilson, myself and many local queens were there for both of the parades, autograph signings and of course the rafting trip. My parents came

down for the Fourth of July and it was great being able to spend some more of my time as Miss Rodeo Wyoming with the people who have helped me get there. The first night of the rodeo, the rain came down in buckets and we were all soaked. It truly was a western rodeo and only the true cowboys and cowgirls enjoyed themselves that night! The Cody Stampede committee was so generous and

hospitable. They were excited to have us there and I was very honored to be there!

We had a spa day where we received massages and pedicures. Being on the road for the last six months, trust me, I needed some time at the spa!! Rodeo Queens are definitely different from beauty queens. We don't get the luxury of a spa day very often. It was greatly appreciated and I felt like a new woman when I left.

During the rodeos, I helped with the grand entry and cleared the cattle from the arena. Every top

cowboy was there and it was fun to chase the calves that Fred Whitfield and Cody Ohl had roped. The week of the fourth is known as Cowboy Christmas because there are a lot of rodeos all over the country and there is a lot of money for the cowboys to win. When we were watching the rodeo we saw a huge rig speeding into the fairgrounds. We saw them unload their horses that were already saddled and head for the boxes. It turned out they were team ropers and they had just let their steer out and they missed their run by only minutes. It is a tough week on the cowboys but it separates the best from the average.

I am excited for the second half of my year as Miss Rodeo Wyoming. See you on the road!!

***God Bless,  
Stacy Jo Johnson***



**Signing autographs at the Buffalo Bill Museum in Cody.**



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**Queen Attendant: Stacy Clark**  
**Princess: Kelsey Willey**

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 The Miss Rodeo Wyoming Association will be auctioning off personally embellished Breyer horses during the Calcutta on Wednesday night. Each horse is a one-of-a-kind creation. If you would like a horse to embellish please call Kerri Cook at 406-343-2211 or Linda Myers at 307-672-8319.

## Stacy Jo's Platform



My platform that I have promoted for many years and am continuing to promote during my year as Miss Rodeo Wyoming 2008, is called "Whip into Shape". In my platform, I promote healthy eating and regular exercise as well as the importance of the agriculture industry and how all of

that fits into the sport of rodeo. I am a senior at the University of Wyoming studying human nutrition and dietetics. I hope to continue my education by attending naturopathic medicine school. One of the best ways to take care of your body is to know exactly what you are putting into it. There are so many health risks that can be diminished just by changing your eating habits.

All of our nutritious food comes from the farms and ranches that produce them. It is very important that we preserve our agriculture industry so that we can preserve our nutritious foods. Each event in the sport of rodeo came from different activities that occur on farms and ranches. The saddle bronc riding event came from the cowboys training ranch horses to ride. The tie-down roping event was established when a cowboy needed to doctor a sick calf. The sport of rodeo was created from the agriculture industry. When I visit schools I have a bullwhip that I take with me to let the students hear the "crack" that it makes. I also let them touch the whip and I explain how it is used on a ranch. I encourage the students to eat healthy and to stay active just like many of the professional rodeo athletes that compete. I have enjoyed promoting my platform this year and look forward to see where it will go in the future

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The date for the next MRWA meeting will be during the Miss Rodeo Wyoming Pageant in Douglas. Thursday, August 14th at 7:30pm. For meeting place please contact:

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