

Emma Heer's Miss CA Ranger Speech 2010

"The biggest adventure you can ever take is to live the life of your dreams." This is a quote by Oprah Winfrey. At this very moment I truly feel like I am living the life of my dreams. My name is Emma Heer and, I am a freshman at La Canada High School where I just finished my first semester with a 4.4 GPA.

I played on my school's Junior Varsity Volleyball Team this year and we placed second in our league. I am currently playing club volleyball for San Gabriel Elite and my team is ranked in the Gold Division.

I have been a Girl Scout for eight years and I have earned my Bronze and Silver awards and I am currently in the process of earning my Gold Award.

Even though I participate in all of these activities, my favorite has definitely always been California Rangers. I joined Troop E... THE BEST TROOP IN THE REGIMENT! six years ago right after my 9th birthday and I've loved rangers ever since that very first night. Sometimes I feel like I was destined to be in California Rangers because I was born on February 25, 2010 the same day it was incorporated so many years ago. Just recently, our troop had a change in leadership, and we now have new captain, Justin Yukon. He has always been such a great help at troop and he is such an amazing captain! He was there with me every step of the way, back when I first joined when he helped us little remounts and now helping me build my leadership skills. I've learned so much over the years in this organization and I've got to say, a lot of it is from what he has taught me.

In November of 2008, I tried out for the Eagle Troop. I've never been through a more nerve wracking experience, but trying out for the Eagle Troop was one of the best decisions I have EVER made. First of all, everyone on the team is like one HUGE family. We are all so close and I love everyone on the team so much! I know that I can trust them with my LIFE and they will always come through for me. Friends like that are hard to come by and I know we will always be friends because our bond through Eagles is unbreakable. This year was especially challenging for us because we started riding at Don E Brook which meant all new horses, a new location, and we didn't have a full sized arena until May, about a month before our first competition in Reno. Even with all these obstacles placed in front of us, we pulled together as a team and overcame them all winning the third consecutive WSEDTA Grand Champion title. Although it was my first year in Eagles, I had the privledge of riding in drill next to my sister, Caroline in the most emotional set on the eagle team. The feeling you get after riding out of the arena after a PERFECT drill is indescribable. Just in my one year of being in Eagles, I have learned so much and become a much better rider. We worked so hard this year and I feel like that helped us form an even stronger bond as a team. Trust me, you don't know the definition of hard work until you join the Eagle Troop, but its so worth it! Even though we worked really hard this year, we still found time to laugh and be goofy. One of my favorite moments of the year was when I received a hand hug from none other than Colonel Ingleheart! It was a hand hug I'll never forget! I also had more than my fair share of blonde moments throughout the year which landed me with a tank top that apparently summed me up in one word and that word was "WHAT?".

California Rangers is an amazing organization and I am proud to be able to say that I am a part of it. The reason I am trying out for Miss California Ranger is

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because I really want to give back to an organization that has taught me so much about myself and given me experiences and moments that I will never forget. Through this organization. I have learned responsibility, teamwork. dedication, respect, and all around just how to be a better person. I hope I can take all that I have learned and apply it in my everyday life and if given the chance, as your Miss California Ranger. At this time I would like to thank Colonel Ingleheart, Lt. Colonel Gannon, the rest of the Regimental Staff, my fellow eagle members, my troop, my sister Caroline, my brother Christian, and my parents for supporting me every step of the way. I love you guys. Thank you.