

CALIFORNIA RODEO SALINAS

miss rodeo



SAMANTHA LOZANO

Eighteen-year-old Samantha Lozano of Bakersfield is Miss Northwest Gymkhana Association and the daughter of Sam and Shelly Lozano. She trains horses, gives riding lessons and competes in western riding shows. In 2006 Lozano was crowned Miss Glennville Rodeo and helped raise \$14,000 for the Greenhorn Mountain Veterans Association. She plans to attend California State University, Bakersfield, to earn her teaching degree and become a history teacher. Lozano makes community service a priority by working with her church and Hearts for the Hungry where the less fortunate are provided with food, clothing and hygiene kits.



SHANNON MCPHEE

Shannon McPhee enters as Miss Redding Rodeo and is the 21-year-old daughter of Douglas and Yvonne McPhee of Cottonwood. Rodeo has been a huge part of McPhee's life, along with competing in junior rodeos, gymkhanas and some western pleasure shows. After high school she continued barrel racing at the college and amateur rodeo level. Organizing rodeo queen clinics and creating wardrobes with her mom became her project after becoming the 2005 Miss Redding Rodeo. She attended Feather River College and is in the process of becoming a physical therapist aide. McPhee likes to stay active in the outdoors by hiking, running, wakeboarding and learning to fly fish.



BLAIR SMITTCAMP

The daughter of Bill and Linda Smittcamp, 19-year-old Blair Smittcamp is from Clovis. Smittcamp is representing the Old Town Clovis Kiwanis Club. Her love for horses began at an early age and she became an active member in barrel racing organizations in California and nationwide. Two years ago, Smittcamp began showing reining cow horses in the Valley Cow Horse Association and the National Reining Cow Horse Association. Currently attending California State University, Fresno, and majoring in mass communications and journalism, she plans to pursue a career in public relations. Smittcamp's involvement with Delta Gamma sorority keeps her busy with community involvement and school leadership.

at a glance

Rules for the Miss California Rodeo Salinas contest:

■ **ELIGIBILITY:** Competition is open to young women 18 – 21 years of age. Contestants must be at least 18 years old by July 1 without having turned 22 by July 31. Contestants may enter the Contest more than once, but may only win once, and may not have been married or pregnant at any time. In order to be eligible, contestants must be sponsored by either a recognized horsemen's organization or another recognized community organization (not commercial). There is no entry fee for the privilege of competing. However, contestants will be required to sign a liability waiver and acceptance of responsibility.

■ **SCORING:** Contestants are judged on horsemanship (40 percent), personality (30 percent), appearance (20 percent) and scholarship (10 percent). Horsemanship will include a short reining pattern and a presentation run on contestants own horse, plus a draw for the exchange of contestants' horses. Proper horsemanship attire will consist of blue or colored jeans, shirt, hat and boots. Personality and appearance judging will involve a brief private interview and friendly impromptu questions before an audience. Appropriate Western attire for a stage appearance will be contestant's choice. The scholarship section will include a short examination.