

# Trend Setters

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Miss Rodeo Canada



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## What's on your iPod?

My iPod has a little bit of everything on it although the majority of it is country. Being on the road alone most of the time, it's nice to have a variety.

## What is your favorite sports team?

I'm not much of a sports fan but if I'd have to pick one it would have to be the Edmonton Oilers or any team from Edmonton at that.

## What is your preferred road food?

I really don't have a preferred road food but I am a slight coffee addict. I can't seem to travel anywhere without a stop at Tim Horton's or Starbucks for a coffee!

## If you choose a sit down restaurant, what would it be?

I love trying new things and while doing so I have found a love for Turkish food. There is a restaurant in Edmonton called Sofra, which serves authentic Turkish cuisine. It is by far my favourite place to sit down and eat and is my number one choice when I get the chance to do so.

## Are you a video game junkie? If so, what is your favorite game?

I'm not in any way a video game junkie. The only game I have really had a small addiction to was Candy Crush on my phone and that only lasted a little while. I have a very short attention span, so I can't keep myself focused on a game for that long.

## Are you a movie or TV buff?

I don't watch many movies. As for TV shows, I absolutely love Friends. I could watch the same episode a million times and never get bored of it! I really enjoy Grey's Anatomy and Big Brother. Those are the only two I will make sure I sit down and watch each week!

## What do you do besides rodeo?

Once my year as Miss Rodeo Canada is complete, I will be heading back to school to finish my Animal Health degree at the University of Alberta and then I plan on obtaining a degree in Veterinary Medicine. School takes up most of my time when I'm not rodeoing. If I have free time away from school and rodeo, I'm still usually headed to a roping jackpot or roping at home.

## If you ever get a break from rodeoing, where would you like to go on vacation?

I would love to tour Europe at some point. That trip is number one on my list following a quick vacation somewhere hot once my Miss Rodeo Canada reign is complete.

## What is the ultimate rodeo rig?

A Ram 3500 dually and a 4 horse living quarters trailer. Nothing big or fancy, just something comfortable and something to get me down the road.

## What kind of jeans do you wear these days?

Jeans are a slight addiction of mine. I like my Wrangler Rock 47s and Tin Haul jeans for riding and competing in and my Miss Me jeans to wear outside the arena.

## What about shirts? boots?

When I'm competing or out as Miss Rodeo Canada, I love my Roper, Stetson, Tin Haul and Wrangler shirts. Boots are another serious addiction of mine! I have a lot of Roper, Tin Haul and Stetson boots but my favorite pair of boots are my Stetsons.

## How important is a well shaped hat to you? How do you shape yours?

A well shaped hat is very important to me! I have a variety of hats shaped in a ton of different ways.

When I received my Miss Rodeo Canada hats from Smithbilt, I left it up to them to shape them and I am really liking that shape so far.

## Facebook or Twitter?

Facebook for sure! I usually have way too many things to say at once to fit into a Tweet.

## What's on your feet when you're not wearing cowboy boots?

It's pretty rare to find me without a pair of cowboy boots on. But during the summer I am all about wearing sandals.

## What is your biggest pet peeve?

One of my biggest pet peeves is when people wear cowboy hats on backwards. I have a hard time concentrating on anything else when I see one on the wrong way.

## What is your biggest fear? (spiders, snakes, the dark?)

I have an extreme fear of tornados. As soon as there is a storm rolling in, I'm watching the clouds. I usually have the nearest ditch, basement or hiding spot located. I also have weekly nightmares that I am caught in or trying to save myself from one and I don't think that really helps matters much.



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