

2009 MISS FCRV PAGEANT

On Tuesday, July 7, 2009 fifteen young ladies appeared on the stage at the air conditioned Mathewson Exhibition Center at the Missouri State Fairgrounds in Sedalia for the 2009 Miss FCRV Pageant. Miss FCRV for 2009 is Kara Cornwell, 17, of Kansas City Kansas. She is the daughter of Ed and Jane Alft, members of the Campfire Campers Chapter. The First Runner-up is Jennifer Gregio, 16 of Grove City, Ohio. She is the daughter of Tammy Gregio, an independent member (and Miss NCHA 1983). Second Runner-up is Sarah Duplanty, 18, of Flint, Michigan. She is the daughter of Jim & Brenda Duplanty, a member of the Tails-A-Wagon Chapter. Third Runner-up is Michelle Collier of Kenmore, New York. She is the daughter of Kathy Collier, a member of the Ken-Ton-A-Wanderers. Fourth Runner-up is Nicole Valderrabano of Omaha, Nebraska. She is the daughter of Jenell Valderrabano, a member of the Explorers Chapter. She was also selected as Miss Congeniality. Miss Talent is Shauna Wiley, 18, of Clarks Summit, Pennsylvania. She is the daughter of David and Barbara Wiley, independent members.



Miss FCRV 2009 and her Court

Also representing their state / province in 2009 were Haley Varner, Texas, Sarah-Jo Saunders, Ontario, Michelle White, Missouri, Rebecca Martone, Mississippi, Jessica Flaherty, Oklahoma, Debra Makom, Iowa, Megan Campbell, Kentucky, Audrey Hawkins, Colorado, and Kaci Klaiber, Indiana. The list of escorts was unavailable.

The opening number was a Michael Jackson medley, choreographed by Tammy Gregio and Stephanie Hill featuring the escorts, the 2008 court, and '09 contestants. Next were essays on going green, the biggest problem facing America, and the value of music art, and foreign language in school. Judges for this year were from the area and all had extensive pageant experience, including the Miss America Pageant. They were Rebecca Hoher, Tim Collins, Barbara Wilkins, Juanita Humphrey, and Irma Jean Armstrong. They put in a long day with meetings in the morning and judging the talent portion in the afternoon.

While the girls changed into evening wear, the '08 Court entertained. Emily Barry, 4th Runner-up sang a song from "Wicken." Brittany Johnston, 3rd Runner-up did a piano solo and 2nd Runner-up, Maddie Lawler did a monologue. Miss FCRV, Bradleigh Sherry danced to "Don't Tell Mama."

As each contestant was escorted out in an evening gown, each was given a rose by a pre-teen princess. All of the contestants came back on stage for a group picture. The top six talent were announced. They are (in random order) Jennifer Gregio who did a lyrical dance dedicated to a fallen

soldier, Kara Cornwell who sang “Concrete Angel,” Kacie Klaiber who tap danced to “Rock Around The Clock,” Shauna Wiley who played a flute solo,” “Second Fantasy,” Meagan Campbell sang “When You’re Broken,” and Sarah Duplanty danced to “Mercy by Duffy.”

Before leaving the stage, the contestants presented flowers to Pageant Chairman, Kim Varner and Co-chairman, Diana Hyle. They also thanked Heather Borton and the stage Moms and Dads.

While the judges deliberated, Diana Hyle, past Miss Kansas sang “Feels Like Home To Me,” and Heather Borton, past Miss Iowa, sang “Part Of Your World.” Past Miss FCRVs on hand were introduced – Tammy Gregio ’83 , OH, Stephanie Hill ’03, NE, and Hannah Chorley ’08, OK.

The top five finalists were called forward, then sent off stage to a sound proof room. They were called back one at a time to answer the question, “Fifteen years from now, would you bring your children to an FCRV Campvention?” All said yes and explained their reasons. The judges now had the final portion to score and tally. While the results were being tallied, the three Pre-teen Princesses performed. Katy Kurbirski, MI, did an Irish dance, Mercedes Tenyson, KS did a ho-down dance, and Kaitlin White, MO, sang. Miss FCRV, 2008, Bradleigh Sherry of Pennsylvania took her final walk and thanked all those who had helped her along the way.

The final five returned to the stage and amid much excitement the results were announced by MC, Jim Bob Ealey and Miss FCRV for 2009, Kara Cornwell was crowned the 47th Miss FCRV.