

Miss FCRV 2009 Speech



My name is Kara Cornwell. I was the 2009-2010 Miss FCRV International Teen Queen. It has been both an honor and my pleasure to represent such a wonderful organization. This experience has been life-changing in many different ways. It has helped me to become more responsible and has allowed for me to meet so many new people and make life-long friends both young and young-at-heart.

When I first sat down to think about what to say in my speech, the first thing that came to mind was, I'm not giving one. I don't want my year to come to an end. And then I thought about what a great experience I have had and I want one of these girls to have the opportunity to experience the same joy as Miss FCRV that I have experienced.

Throughout my reign I have been able to travel all over the country and camp with some amazing people. I have attended two regional campouts and many of the Missouri and Kansas campouts as well. In March, my family and I were able to travel to Myrtle Beach for the National Winter Board meeting where I was fortunate enough to stay the entire weekend and was given the opportunity to participate in a YARS rally at Ocean Lakes Camping Resort.

One of the most incredible things that I have learned as Miss FCRV is that it doesn't matter whether you're 8, 18, or 80; you are all treated with respect and care. I have been able to spend time with Jack Smye, the president of FCRV, Campvention Coordinators, Regional Directors, State Directors, State Presidents, Pageant Directors, Retirees, Teens, and the youth of FCRV and everyone has treated me like I was family. I couldn't have imagined a better year as Miss FCRV.

As my year has now come to an end, there are quite a few thank-you's that I would like to deliver. First, to my family. Without my dad driving the "big rig" around to all the places I needed to be, my mom always knowing what I needed to do when and keeping me organized, my grandparents for being such a huge support system for me, and for my sister who has brought me back down to Earth after I have had a queen moment, I wouldn't have been able to properly perform my duties as Miss FCRV.

I would also like to thank Tammy and Nicole Gregio and all of their pageant helpers as well as last years pageant directors in Sedalia. A huge thank you goes to Hugh and Camy Hicks for all that they have done for the teens and for me this past year. I would like to thank my court for being so supportive and thank you Bob and Marti Price for helping me with my many costumes and for escorting me at tonight's program.

A special thank you goes to the State of Kansas for always believing in me and supporting me 100%. Thank you for all of the campout invitations and thank you Vickie Roop and her Campvention Committee team for putting on this "golden" Campvention. I would like to thank one last group of people for their support and for giving me several opportunities to voice my concerns and ideas as a teen and as Miss FCRV. A heart-felt thank you goes out to the FCRV Trustees and Executive Board Members.

This year has meant a lot to me and has helped me to move onto the next phase of my life. I encourage the 2010-2011 Miss FCRV to get involved in the organization and make this year one of her most memorable years as it has been mine.

Thank you.