

# Mercedes Tennyson Youth of the Year

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Congratulations to the 2011 Youth of the Year, Mercedes Tennyson from Kansas.

Mercedes is the daughter of Tom Tennyson and Becky Davis, and the granddaughter of Forrest and Faye Tennyson. Mercedes is in the sixth grade at the Owasso Sixth Grade Center where she is in honors classes. She is a straight A student. She is a library aide, teacher's helper and a tutor.

She has camped with the Kanokliner Camping Club in Southeast Kansas since she was 3 years old and hates to miss any camp out. She has been the Kansas Camper Association princess since 2008 (4 years). She has been an FCRV member since 2007. She has attended all spring and fall state camp outs since 2007. She has performed in the queen pageants in Missouri and Michigan and has attended three Campventions. She has developed many friendships through FCRV with girls from many states. She continues contact with them by phone and Facebook throughout the years.

Outside of school and camping, Mercedes has taken dance for 7 years taking ballet, tap, jazz and lyrical. She has been in girl scouts earning badges in horseback riding, sewing, cooking, community service, cookie rambler and many more.

Her hobbies include camping, sewing, animals, cooking, fishing and enjoying the outdoors. She has two pets, a dog named Baba and a hamster named Emmie. She is very dedicated to her animals. She is very involved in recycling and cleaning up the environment. Mercedes belongs to the church Common Ground and she is currently active in that church.