

Merry Christmas to our kids

Well kids, it's been quite a start to the AHSRA 2009-2010 season. With the holidays approaching and a bit of break from rodeos we have a few things on our minds to tell you. We'd text you because then we know we would get your undivided attention but you know how good we are at that so we trying it the old fashion way, by letter.

We know as parents we don't often take the time to tell you some of the important stuff and it gets overlooked. Important stuff like, thanks for your help, or how proud we are of your school achievements or what a great cowboy or cowgirl you are.

Between our work and your school, practices, hauling, rodeo's, chores and a million other things that come up in our busy lives we sometimes take you and all that you do for granted.

Now's our chance to tell you how much we love you and how important you are to us. Of course that goes without saying, sometimes you test our patience and our sense of humor with some of your antics but overall you're a great kid. We know we got a little excited when we asked to fuel up the truck so we could leave for the rodeo and you put gas in instead of diesel and we were almost late..... and we probably over reacted when you were supposed to be cleaning the barn and we went out there to see how it was going on the way to feed the cows and you were busy roping the dummy! Your right, it will get done, the world won't stop spinning cuzz you roped the dummy for a half an hour. We suppose we kinda tipped over a bit when we sent to town with the brand new dually with strict instructions to go directly to the feed store, load the salt and come directly home, and you got the salt and then just had to take one quick spin around town..... WHAM! Somebody went through a stop sign and hit you and our brand new dually in the rear fender! We were have so very thankful you were were okay and were not hurt, fenders, and metal can be replaced, but instead of telling you that out loud our first reaction was to give you static about the truck! As parents we learned a cheap lesson here, kids will be kids, accidents happen, and be ever so thankful for all the good things that happen in life.

It's amazing to see you compete and you need to know how proud we are when you take the extra second to help another contestant or offer words of encouragement to another competitor. We know you sometimes think it's not cool to hang out with us at a rodeo, but you need to know we get that. We might be "old" but once upon a time we were in your boots! We know you get kinda sour with us as parents once in a while but someday you will understand all our "stupid rules" and why we get so crazy once in a while. Believe us, this being a rodeo parent isn't something you learn out of a book! It's kinda like you practicing your events, it takes practice, persistence, determination and a passion to succeed and be the best we can be as your parents.

It's almost holiday time and our hope for you for the festive season is that you continue to be the best kid you can be, have fun with your family and friends and live life to the fullest!

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!!

Love your parents.

PS: Don't forget to write your letter to Santa!