

## 2008 Youth Ambassadors Take on Major Roles Within ALCA

The value of the annual exchange of Youth Members between Australia and the United States, is exemplified in the leadership being demonstrated by last year's ambassadors, Emma Germany and Lana Kuipers, says ALCA president, John Rowe.

Emma has become NSWLPG president and Lana its secretary, in a big move towards youth leadership and responsibility. Both Emma and Lana are also deeply involved in the Youth Group which will run ALCA's first Youth Show in July. In addition, they have been electronic innovators at [www.lowlinecountry.com](http://www.lowlinecountry.com) assisting during its testing phase and offering help, advice and friendship to members after the launch. "Emma and Lana returned from their US experience with great confidence and a wider understanding of what is involved in the organisation of a breed society," said John Rowe. "I commend them for their ongoing enthusiasm and leadership."

Emma and Lana say that traveling to Denver wasn't as simple they expected. Just getting there was a 30 hour experience starting with confusion over which airport they left from, the rigours of a 14 hour direct flight to Los Angeles and a seven hour layover in LA that brushed them up against American airport security. So was it all worth it? Absolutely. And the most memorable experience? Washing a cow outside in the freezing cold as snow slowly fell around them. Emma and Lana were hosted by Rick and Dana Seckich, Torrington, Wyoming.



**Heidi Corey (left) ALCA 2009 Youth Ambassador to the US, and Skye Battles, the 2008 ALR Youth Ambassador to Australia, at a function at the National Western Stock Show, Denver, January 2009.**

## The US was a real blast, says 2009 ambassador Heidi Corey...

Going to the US with no expectations at all blew me away, Heidi told us. "Even flying out of Melbourne was a blast for me because I had never been on a plane before let alone fly international. And in the US, the snow, the people and the cattle made my journey one to remember."

At Bismarck it was extremely cold and I wore my thermals all the time. Neil and Jan Effertz' farm was covered in snow and it was so weird to look at cattle that had snow on their backs. We spent days working with the cattle, plowing snow, fitting cattle for the show, plowing more snow and then plowing even more snow because there was four feet of snow from the night before.

At the Denver stock show, I helped Neil Effertz with his cattle. I led all the Effertz cattle in the Auction Arena and a majority of them in the show ring. This was a great opportunity because it helped me learn the differences between our two different styles of fitting.

I'd like to thank ALCA and the ALR for giving me this fantastic opportunity to share the world of people who I will never forget. I'd also like to thank Jan and Neil Effertz who pointed out to me what a prairie dog was, Brian and Joseline Walters, Brittany Hurd for putting up with me in the hotel room and Stacy and Scott Hillman and co for making my stay the most comfortable and exhilarating time I have ever experienced. I will miss them all very much. To anyone thinking about applying for this scholarship, I strongly recommend it. It is one of the most exhilarating opportunities of a lifetime and you meet great people along the way.

More from Heidi in the next issue of "Join us in Lowline Country."

## The Australian Lowline Youth Muster

Please note – Junior = under 25

**Hawkesbury Showground, NSW**  
Friday 17th July to Sunday 19th July  
**COST**

For ALCA Members: \$100

For non-members: \$130, including a Junior Membership to ALCA

This will be an event for Novices as well as Experienced Juniors

We are seeking sponsors for prizes, financial assistance and volunteers.

If you could help us in any way, including supplying cattle for use, it really would be most appreciated.

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