

Boots, Baggage and Bangles



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For our reflections article, we have compiled the top 10 lessons we learned while serving on the National Junior Hereford Association (NJHA) board and they all relate to either boots, baggage or bangles..

10 Work around the clock.

Boots – Staying up late organizing tomorrow’s contest. We get up early the next morning and jump into our boots to see the smiles on the juniors’ faces.

9 Airport security, our favorite.

Baggage – Getting bling belts and 5 lb. of jewelry through airport security.

8 Organizing 12 “boardies” to all show up wearing the same outfit.

Bangles – MASS TEXT from Rossie and Danielle: “Tomorrow wear Buttah (yellow) shirt.” REPLY TEXT from Jake and Justin: “We forgot our Buttah!”

7 These boots are made for walkin’.

Boots – Running from one side of the ring to the other tailing heifers; walking in the same pattern for three days straight.

6 We became experts at airport navigation.

Baggage – Our parents were nervous the first time they dropped us off, but now they don’t even blink when we hop on our next flight.

5 We could see the burgundy jacket at the end of the tunnel, but when we reached it, the jacket wasn’t our size.

Bangles – We strive to fill the place the retiring director left in that jacket only to discover, with hard work and dedication, we made the jacket our own.

4 Responsibilities rest upon us in our creped soles.

Boots – With all of the responsibilities of day-to-day tasks, we depend on the support of our families, American Hereford Association staff and fellow “boardies” to help us carry the heavy load.

3 Building lifelong friendships with “boardies” from across the Nation.

Baggage – We might be miles apart and see each other a total of five times a year, but we became best friends and know that our fellow board members are only a phone call away.

2 Thank God for nighttime minutes and unlimited texting.

Bangles – With our never-ending conference calls and our countless mass texts, we are always prepared for our next event.

1 Working with NJHA members

You have taught us leadership, patience and passion. And we thank you for the opportunity of a lifetime.

This list is compiled of numerous memories we have attained while serving on the NJHA board. We could not have gained any of these experiences without the guidance of our national advisors, present and past, the endless support of our families through thick and thin of our hectic lives, and confidence, trust, and friendship that our national advisor, Amy Cowan, instills in us every day.

Thank you for these past three amazing years. **HW**