



HAYLEY GREEN IS 2010 T.I.F.T. HOSTESS

The Texas International Fishing Tournament has been a huge part of my life for as far back as I can remember," says 2010 TIFT Hostess Hayley Green.

The 19 year old daughter of Gail Gonzales of San Antonio and Billy Green was selected from an outstanding field of nominees to serve as the official hostess for the 71st TIFT. Her selection fulfills a dream that began at the age of five with a little encouragement from Grandpa Mike Gower. "As a five year old little girl, my grandfather showed me a picture of my mother sitting on the front of an offshore boat in a TIFT hat and TIFT t-shirt," Hayley recalls. "He told me she was a TIFT hostess and told me it would make him very proud if one day I would be the hostess as well. From that moment on it became a dream of mine."

Hayley has been involved in TIFT for 16 of her 19 years, entering the piggy perch division as a small child

and going on to become one of the organization's staunchest volunteers. Her family has four generations participating in the tournament each year.

"I began helping at playday when I was at the age to be participating," Hayley says. "I began working on the docks when I was only old enough to sell t-shirts but looked forward to the day when I could actually be part of the team that handled the fish being brought in. I felt such a sense of pride in being part of the dock crew!"

Hayley attended the American College of Health Care Professionals and became a Limited Medical Radiology Technician. She has recently finished her internship and plans to go on to become a fully licensed radiology technician once she meets the six month employment requirement and takes the state test to receive her license.

"TIFT has given me so much joy," Hayley says. "I have made friendships that I will cherish for the rest of my life. I have also learned valuable lessons about the spirit of competition and the importance of sportsmanship. It will be a great honor to represent the tournament in the role of hostess as TIFT is my family. I look forward to being involved in all the years to come."

Hayley will be on hand to greet tournament participants throughout the five days of activities.



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