

## great moments



The CMA cadets and the Whiteville belles gather for a group photo with the Queen of the Festival.

"I am grateful for the opportunity to have attended the North Carolina Pecan Harvest Festival. Having never been to Whiteville or the Pecan Festival before, I was unsure what to expect. It was great, however, to be able to eat great food, to hang out with Pecan Festival Belles and the Queen, and to soak up my first experience at this festival. One of my favorite things we did while we were in Whiteville was going to the Whiteville football game and seeing the rivals play and all the enthusiasm the fans brought, young and old. I really enjoyed the Pecan Festival, because I saw how much the people of Whiteville love their town. Living in bigger cities all my life, I've never really seen that kind of love for a hometown. Overall, the Pecan Festival was a really neat opportunity, and I am very grateful I was able to go."

By: Clay M. Pflaging of  
Matthews, North Carolina



"We made our way to the Queen's Luncheon post haste where the cadets and belles were assigned to pairs. We then walked out in front of a small crowd where we were honored for being selected. After listening to many speeches, we ate a lunch of chicken and three side dishes, one being a strange combination of marshmallows and fruit. Later, each pair was assigned a house where we welcomed people who came to tour the house. Although it wasn't the most exciting work, it was nice to have one on one conversations with the visitors. The next day, all of the cadets met up with their belles once again for the festival parade. Each cadet marched alongside his belle who stood on a float waving to the spectators. It was at this point that I realized how difficult it can be to stay in step when no one is calling cadence. After the parade we once again walked onto the stage to be honored. This time there were many more people and a much larger concert stage. After this, we were finally able to change from our parade uniforms into our civilian attire. We ate lunch at a local restaurant and finished the day dancing to folk music."

By: Conner Bolton of  
Powder Springs, Georgia



# Pecan Festival

## inspiring moments

"Wow... The Pecan Festival was so much fun! I'm so happy I had the chance to go to Whiteville, NC. It is such a cool place! I met so many new friends and wonderful people. It was super cool to get to stand on stage with Miss North Carolina and The Pecan Festival Queen. I had a lot of fun dancing with my friends and the belles. The food was so good. It was really cool getting to drive around and see all of the awesome houses. I learned so much! Thank you so much for telling me about this and letting me come and help out. Can't wait till next year!"

By: Kameron Gentile  
Mt. Pleasant, South Carolina

