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A few things about me:

My name is Makenna May Johnson and I am a junior at Utah State University majoring in Biology. I am set to graduate in the spring of 2016 and hope to accomplish a minor in Chemistry as well. Biology drew me in from a very young age. My first camping trip was when I was six months old, and I have loved the outdoors ever since. My Dad is a scientist who has taught me to appreciate the world around me and has taken my family to so many incredible places. While exploring places like the Grand Canyon, Capital Reef, and Moab with my Dad, I discovered my passion for Biology. I really love the fact that Biology is all-encompassing; it incorporates fundamental concepts of chemistry, math, and genetics to work in harmony within biological systems. I grew up in the small town of Avon, Utah, and graduated Valedictorian with a 4.0 from Mountain Crest High School in 2012. I am currently Assistant Manager of Aggie Ice cream and when I am not studying Genetics and Chemistry, or eating ice cream, I can be found outside hiking my favorite trails up Logan Canyon.

