



Quick quiz - what does "UP" stand for in D4K UP?

D4K UP stands for D4K Unmounted Programs and will encompass what was previously known as D4K WEP (the Dressage4Kids Weekend Equestrian Program), along with new educational experiences!

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Dressage4Kids Calendar

<https://dressage4kids.org/news-events/event-calendar.html>

September

September 8-9, 2023 - D4K TEAM Clinic at the Georgia International Horse Park in Conyers, Georgia

September 10, 2023 - Atlanta Youth Festival at the Georgia International Horse Park in Conyers, Georgia

September 16-17, 2023 - D4K TEAM Clinic at Maunawili Farms in Kailua, Hawaii

September 23-23, 2023 - D4K TEAM Clinic at Rolling Ridge Stables in Manor, Texas

October

October 14-15, 2023 - D4K TEAM Clinic with Margaret Freeman at Faith Haven Stables in North East, Pennsylvania

October 21-22, 2023 - D4K TEAM Clinic at Meadowbrook Farm in Naples, Maine

D4K Christian Kennedy Scholarship Recipients

\$25,000 D4K Christian Kennedy Scholarships Awarded

Dressage4Kids and Anne Baber Wallis are pleased to announce that the recipients of the \$25,000 D4K Christian Kennedy Scholarships for 2024 are Quinn Ridgway and Nash Gagnon.

Thank you to the many generous donors, and thank you especially to Oded Shimoni, for making these scholarship opportunities possible.

For the full press release, go to <https://dressage4kids.org/news-events/newsroom.html> and click the link titled "D4K Announces Recipients of D4K Christian Kennedy Scholarships - Quinn Ridgway and Nash Gagnon".



Quinn Ridgway photo credit: Jason Rowe



Nash Gagnon photo credit: Andrew Ryback

Youth Dressage Festival Results

Over 30 teams competed at the 24th Annual Lendon's Youth Dressage Festival August 10-12th at HITS-on-the-Hudson Showgrounds in Saugerties, New York. Riders ages 4-25 from 12 states (including Connecticut, Massachusetts, Maine, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Virginia, Vermont and Wisconsin) plus Canada competed in all levels from Leadline through Fourth Level.

Class Results: <https://dressage4kids.org/d4k-festival/festival-news-results/2023-class-results.html>

Team Results: <https://dressage4kids.org/d4k-festival/festival-news-results/2023-team-results.html>

Special Awards: <https://dressage4kids.org/d4k-festival/festival-news-results/2023-special-awards.html>

Official Show Photos: <https://akdragoophoto.zenfolio.com/f1062742050>

If you participated (riders/parents/trainers) in the Youth Dressage Festival and would like to fill out a survey, the survey is available at: <https://forms.gle/rZMutWjVf4YNrBPeA>



Meet Youth Dressage Festival Competitor Kaytlin Dietrich

Kaytlin Dietrich was the Overall Division Champion of YDF 2023 with her horse, Deaglan AF Midgard aka Mouse.

Q: How many years have you been riding?

Kaytlin: I've been riding for 12 years. I started out hunt seat, but started riding dressage 3 years ago.

Q: How many years have you competed at YDF?

Kaytlin: This is my second year competing at YDF.

Q: What was your favorite part about YDF this year?

Kaytlin: My favorite part of YDF this year was the demo with Mica Mabragaña and Bradley Cooper. They were such a stunning combination and it was amazing to watch what they could do.

Q: What was your reaction when you found out you were the Overall Champion?

Kaytlin: I was shocked when I found out I was overall champion. My goal was just to make it through my test without any bucking in the canter, which I wasn't entirely sure was going to happen, but it did, and that was really all I wanted in my test. I knew I was going to have a good score because Mouse tried his absolute hardest and the test was very solid, but I never expected as high a score as I got, let alone to be overall champion.

Q: What are your future riding goals/plans?

Kaytlin: My biggest goal is to take Mouse up the levels and eventually ride Grand Prix with him.

Q: Can you tell us a little bit about your horse?

Kaytlin: Mouse, or Deaglan AF Midgard, is a 4 year old Knabstrupper gelding. He's a solid bay, which is rare as the breed is usually spotted. We bought him at the end of last July a little after he turned 3. We had him in professional training to start him and since then it's been me riding him.

Q: Are there any funny quirks about your horse?

Kaytlin: Mouse loves to smile, and he'll curl his lip up at anything that touches his lip or any funny smell or taste.

Q: What's your horse's favorite treat?

Kaytlin: He loves GoGo squeezes and the crust part of Pop-tarts.

Q: Does Mouse have a favorite class at YDF?

Kaytlin: I think his favorite class at YDF is just the regular dressage tests, because he really likes to work. He's also just really comfortable with a regular test and has a happy expression pretty much the entire time he's doing it.

Q: What's your horse's favorite dressage movement to perform?

Kaytlin: Since he's a young horse leg yields and other harder movements are still a bit tough for him, so he doesn't enjoy them too much, but once he has more strength I think he'll find them more fun. However, his trot has always been very balanced and his ears are up pretty much the entire time he's trotting around, so I'd say just a 20 meter trot circle or a diagonal in trot are his favorite things to do because they come very easily to him.

Q: What was it like competing on a team?

Kaytlin: Competing on a team was a lot of fun. Pretty much my whole barn was there so although I was just on a team with 3 other girls, it really felt like I was on a big team with my whole barn. Every time you get back to the barn there was always someone to ask how your ride went and it was nice to be in such a supportive environment.

Q: Is there anything else you would like to add?

Kaytlin: I'd like to thank my mom for paying for lessons, board, shows, and countless other expenses. I'd also like to thank the trainers I've had that got me to this point in my riding, and the village of people that help me at shows and on a daily basis.

Congratulations, Kaytlin!



Kaytlin Dietrich and Mouse
photo credit: Tara Hartman

For more information about the Dressage4Kids Winter Intensive Training Program, go to:
<https://dressage4kids.org/programs/winter-intensive-training-program.html>



"Lendon Gray and the D4K WIT program opened my eyes to countless educational, competition, and equine employment opportunities. I am forever grateful for the program and for all those who continue to make WIT possible."

WIT Participant 2018



Marin Roth is working and riding full-time with the Tubmans at Donato Farms in Wellington, Florida. She is currently competing FEI Juniors on her Zweibrücker gelding that she had as a four-year old in the WIT program. Marin graduated early from high school and is exploring college options.

One Spot Open in the Dressage4Kids Winter Intensive Training Program

One spot is open in the D4K Winter Intensive Training Program. For more information, including how to apply, go to: <https://dressage4kids.org/programs/winter-intensive-training-program.html>

Job Opening

Excellent job available in top quality very small private stable. Opening is for groom/stable manager/clinic organizer. For more info contact Lendon Gray at graydressage@gmail.com.

FEI Pony Potentially Available

22 year old 13.3hh pony potentially available through the D4K Horse Donation Program. For more info about the D4K Horse Donation Program: <https://dressage4kids.org/programs/dressage4kids-horse-donation-program.html>

For more info about the pony contact Lendon Gray at graydressage@gmail.com.

D4K NEDA Symposium Scholarship

Six-time Finnish Olympian Kyra Kyrklund is headlining the 2023 Absorbine/ NEDA Symposium October 14-15, 2023 at the Mount Holyoke College Equestrian Center in South Hadley, Massachusetts.

Dressage4Kids is offering one \$250 scholarship for a Dressage4Kids TEAM Member to attend the 2023 NEDA Symposium.

Additional information about the NEDA Symposium: <https://neda.org/page/2023Symposium>

To purchase tickets for the NEDA Symposium:
<https://neda.org/general/custom.asp?page=2023SymposiumAuditor>

Dressage4Kids Scholarship Application:
<https://dressage4kids.org/scholarships/neda-symposium-scholarship.html>

Scholarship Application Deadline: September 15



Kyra Kyrklund
Photo credit: Sonja Holma

The Dressage Foundation Grant Application Deadlines

September 10
Verne Batchelder Instructor Fund

September 15
Gifted Fund for Adult Amateurs

September 30
Major Lindgren Instructor Grants

October 1
Nomination Period opens for the Region 9 Teaching Excellence Award

October 15
Amanda Johnson Freestyle Fund

November 1
Para-Equestrian Dressage Fund

November 15
Oregon Dressage Society Linda S. Acheson Fund

For more information about The Dressage Foundation, go to
<https://www.dressagefoundation.org/>.

Equus Foundation Equine Studies Scholarships

Deadline: October 15

<https://equusfoundation.org/scholarships/een-scholarships.php>



Youth Dressage Festival 2023 Competitors

About Dressage4Kids

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