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**Dressage4Kids Lendon's Youth Dressage Festival  
August 8-10, 2024  
at HITS-on-the-Hudson in Saugerties, New York**

**Entries Open June 3rd!**

Join us as we celebrate our 25th Anniversary!

Lendon's Youth Dressage Festival offers individual and team competition for riders from ages 4 through 25, along with numerous educational and fun activities throughout the Festival.

The Prize List will be available soon at: <https://dressage4kids.org/d4k-festival/show-info/prize-list.html>

**Festival Highlights:**

**Division Championships**

The Divisions are the heart of the Youth Dressage Festival. Each Division consists of three Sections: the Written Test, Dressage Test, and the Equitation Test. Each Section is worth 100 points for a total of 300 points. Total points from the three sections determine placings. Ties are broken by using the Equitation Test score, then Dressage Test score and, if needed, the Written Test score.

Ribbons are presented for winners placing 1-10, and prizes are awarded to winners placing 1-6.

Additionally, Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion ribbons and prizes are awarded for the overall highest score and overall second highest score across all the Divisions.



## Kross Creek Farm Team Championships

Teams are made up of three or four riders of any levels, including the Walk/Trot Division. Highest three Division scores count (if a team is made up of four riders, the lowest score is considered a drop score). This is not a separate ride. A rider may be on only one team. If the rider has entered 2 Divisions, the scores from the rider's higher Division are used. Riders who would like to be on a team but do not have a team designated may check the "Wanna Be on a Team" box on their entry and will be placed on a team at the show.



Parade of Teams





## Tackroom Decorating Competition

Teams or groups of riders who are stabled together may enter this competition. Stall Areas/Tack Rooms will be judged on set-up, cleanliness, and originality. Emphasis will be placed on originality. No flammable materials or lights.



## Schooling Show



## Quadrille

Team of 4 riders required. In a quadrille competition the main criteria is the team's performance as a cohesive group. Judges look for the teams to keep even spacing (from rider to rider), move and turn in synchrony and maintain alignment throughout the ride.

Quadrilles from Introductory through First Level are offered at the Festival. A rider competing in a higher level Division may compete in a quadrille.

The quadrille tests are specific USDF tests. The quadrille tests and additional information about quadrilles in general are available through the USDF website at <https://www.usdf.org/education/other-programs/quadrille/>.



## Prix Caprilli

Dressage test with jumps. **New for 2024**, a Walk/Trot Prix Caprilli will be offered in addition to Prix Caprilli tests at Training Level and at First Level. Tests posted at: <https://dressage4kids.org/d4k-festival/optional-classes/prix-caprilli.html>





## Sport Horse Classes - Judging Sport Horse Conformation Class and Handler Class

### **Judging Sport Horse Conformation (Thursday), Class JHC**

Participants do not need a horse in order to enter this class. Class will be scored on how closely the competitor's scores come to the scores of the appointed judge.

Participants will join our appointed judge at the triangle. The Judge will evaluate one horse and the marks will be told to all competitors, so the competitors will have an example of how the judge will score the horses. Then three horses will be brought out and judged by the judge(s) and the competitors on a 1 – 10 scale as in the regular dressage tests. The competitor's scores which most closely match the judges' scores will be the winner.

For more information go to:

<https://dressage4kids.org/d4k-festival/optional-classes/conformation-class.html>

### **Handler Class (Thursday), Class HDL**

Presenting a horse or pony on a Triangle. All handlers must wear helmets. The overall purpose of the in-hand discipline is to present the horse in a way that makes the horse look and act in the best possible way both standing still and moving.

The horse is shown in a bridle with single reins. The handler must behave discreetly in order to let the attention be concentrated on the horse, though it is the handler that is being assessed.

For more information go to:

<https://dressage4kids.org/d4k-festival/optional-classes/handler-class.html>



## Leadline

Open to riders at least 4 years old but no older than 8. Rider to be led through the test, saluting at the beginning and end. Rider may either walk or trot the 20-meter circle. No qualifying requirement. Test posted at: <https://dressage4kids.org/d4k-festival/optional-classes/leadline.html>



## Dressage Trail

Riders guide their horses through a preset pattern that demonstrates the practical goals of dressage training. Potential trail horse patterns are available at: <https://dressage4kids.org/d4k-festival/optional-classes/>





## Turnout Inspection

Riders may present themselves before their first ride for an inspection of horse, rider, and tack at the specified area. Riders who would like to participate must enter the Turn Out Inspection Class. For more information, go to: <https://dressage4kids.org/d4k-festival/optional-classes/turnout-inspection.html>



## Group Equitation Class

This is a group class. Classes may be split according to level at the discretion of Show Management – potentially Walk/Trot, Walk/Trot/Canter, Training Level and all others. The riders will be asked to perform at the level of their Dressage Test (or at the level entered), with that level's gaits. Extra movements are not requested except where the judge feels the need for added input from the rider. The rider's position and seat will be judged as it relates to the horse's balance, i.e., a rider with a classical hunt seat position would be acceptable at Training Level but not at Third Level. Riders may only ride in one group equitation class. Scores will be posted, however riders will not receive a hard copy their "test" because it is a group class. Note: this is an optional class and will NOT count towards rider's Division score.





## Costume Class - New for 2024!

**New for 2024!** Unmounted costume class for both horses and humans. Can be an individual or team entry with a maximum of 4 people to a team.



## Cover Art Contest

A drawing or photo by anyone 25 and under will be chosen for the cover of the electronic Show Program and possibly on show t- shirts. The artist does not have to be entered in the show. Other artwork submitted but not chosen for the cover will also be included inside the program. For more information, go to: <https://dressage4kids.org/d4k-festival/optional-classes/cover-art-contest.html>





Demo Ride



Special Awards

Special Awards are offered in addition to class ribbons and division and team awards. Many of these awards have no additional qualification requirements and are open to riders just by being a part of the show. For a full list of special awards, go to:



## East Coast Dressage Champion Awards

Lendon's Youth Dressage Festival, the Atlanta Youth Dressage Festival, and the Region 1 Youth Team Challenge have teamed up with Dover Saddlery as sponsor to present 2 new awards in recognition of young equestrians and their trainers who exhibit dedication in the world of dressage:

**East Coast Youth Dressage Champion Award** – to be eligible for this award, riders must complete in either D4K Dressage Festivals (Saugerties or Atlanta) and the Region 1 Youth Team Challenge. If a rider has competes in all 3 competitions, the lowest score will be dropped. Rider must compete at the same level in these competitions.

**East Coast Youth Dressage Champion Trainer Award** – this award acknowledges the contribution of trainers to the development of the sport. In cases where there are 2 trainers involved, the head trainer will receive the award. In situations where different trainers were brought to different competitions, the award will be split equally between the two trainers.

For more info, go to: <https://dressage4kids.org/d4k-festival/east-coast-youth-dressage-champion-awards.html>

## National Dressage Pony Cup Awards

Using the scores from the Pony Test of Choice Class during Thursday's Schooling Show, ribbons for first through sixth places in each of the 3 groups will be awarded (groups TBD). An overall Champion and Reserve for the entire Pony Test of Choice Class will also be awarded. To find out more about the National Dressage Pony Cup program go to: <https://dressageponycup.com/>

## Scholarship Opportunities

Norwegian Fjord Horse Alliance D4K Youth Dressage Festival Scholarship: Riders who are competing at the Festival on a Fjord are eligible for this \$500 scholarship. See Prize List for more info.

And more!




Opening date for entries: June 3rd

## Sponsorship Opportunities




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## Festival Testimonials:

 Ellanor Boehning


"Lendon's Youth Dressage Festival provides an opportunity to see top riders at all different levels. The largest inspiration was being surrounded by so many youth riders at one competition. There is a very special feeling attending LYDF, as the organizers go above and beyond to highlight each of us riders. There are fun activities, but also a knowledge test that instills horsemanship not just riding! LYDF provided me with the camaraderie between kids my age as well as the inspiration to strive to be the best. Without Lendon's Youth Dressage Festival, I would not be the rider I am today. This competition opened another world for me."




LYDF Debut 2013

 Nicole DelGiorno





"For me as a competitor, LYDF was the first time I was really exposed to highly dedicated, highly talented youth dressage riders. I was pretty much the only kid doing recognized dressage competitions in my area and LYDF totally opened my eyes to how much more was out there. It gave me the drive to advance and something to aspire to."



LYDF Debut 2003

 Alexa Derr

"The Youth Dressage Festival is unlike any other competition because it stresses the importance of horse management AND good foundational riding. This festival was the foundation of my young rider career and instilled my lifelong support of Dressage4Kids."



WITees LYDF 2013

PC Dawn Maurer Derr


LYDF Debut 2009

 Mimi Doman




"My favorite part of the Festival was being able to spend time with my barn friends and taking care of the horses. D4K's Festival is always the highlight of the summer!"



LYDF Debut 2021

 Tessa Holloran

"LYDF was the start of many family friendships that we still cherish today. For six consecutive years, the show was on our schedule and we moved vacations to make it happen. Those shows included jumping out of the ring at Intro C and elimination, to capturing two Overall Champion honors."




2013 Handler Class



2015 Overall Champion

2018 Overall Champion

LYDF Debut 2013

 Hannah Irons

"The team building aspect of it, the sense of community, and support is unlike any other show I have experienced. Thank you Dressage4Kids for teaching me these lessons early on."



2012

2018

LYDF Debut 2011



Emelia Lewis

"By the end of my first YDF I definitely understood the hype; you get to have fun with both horses and people, and I couldn't wait to go again!

It has helped me not only as a rider, but as a horsewoman in general."

LYDF Debut 2019



Bella Perkins

"2022 was my 8th year competing at the Festival, and I had the honor of taking my horse Rhapsody (from the D4K Horse Donation program) for the first time. Dressage4Kids, and more specifically the Youth Dressage Festival, has changed my life in many ways, both in and out of the saddle."

LYDF Debut 2014



Lauren Sprieser

"I can't say enough good about all that Dressage4Kids does for youth riders. D4K is helping produce the next generation of equine professionals. At a time when it seems like the horse world belongs to the wealthy, it's wonderful knowing that horsemanship and hard work are still valued and rewarded by D4K."

LYDF Debut 2005



Ciara Wardwell

"I have gone to Lendon's Youth Dressage Festival at Saugerties for the past three years with my pony. It is so much fun and I always look forward to it. It is great to work with my team. We all work hard during the year and love being able to show that in the ring. It is a good way to work with each and learn from each other."

LYDF Debut 2021



## About Dressage4Kids

Dressage4Kids, Inc. is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization incorporated for the express purpose of providing educational and competitive opportunities for youth riders and the adults who support them.

<https://dressage4kids.org>

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