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## Dressage4Kids Calendar

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### July

July 2-30 - D4K Summer Intensive Training Program at Hampton Green Farm in Fruitport, Michigan (<https://dressage4kids.org/programs/summer-intensive-training-program.html>)

July 15 - D4K UP with The Dressage Foundation (via Zoom)  
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(<https://dressage4kids.org/scholarships/christian-kennedy-memorial-fund-scholarships/d4k-christian-kennedy-training-grant.html>)

July 20-21 - D4K TEAM Clinic with Mica Mabragaña at Riding Right Farm in Buskirk, New York

### August

## Lendon's Youth Dressage Festival - Entries Close July 15th

Dressage4Kids is thrilled to announce the 25th Annual Lendon's Youth Dressage Festival!

Instituted in 1999, the Festival offers individual and team competition for riders ages 4 through 25, showcasing talent and teamwork across various divisions. It provides a unique opportunity for youth riders to come together as peers, fostering a sense of camaraderie and offering all participants a chance to bond over their shared love for the sport.

Entries close July 15th.

[Click here for the prize list.](#)

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## Lendon's Youth Dressage Festival - Practice Written Test for All Ages

For a list of the Required Reading for the Youth Dressage Festival 2024, please go to: <https://dressage4kids.org/d4k-festival/show-info/required-reading.html>

### **AT THE FESTIVAL**

In order for your responses to be properly recorded, you MUST:

- provide a valid email address (will be used to send you a copy of your test and a copy of your results)
- type in your entry number (not included in the PRACTICE test)
- type in your first and last name (as used on your entry form)
- answer all the questions
- hit the "submit" button when you are ready to submit your test
- please ensure you receive the automatic confirmation email indicating that your test was successfully submitted before you leave the testing location

We've created a fun practice test for ALL ages. Just click on the link below to get started. Good luck!

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSepU7NXaHGAR\\_RM61DT3phALnTnV1SDtZdCGph2f2wrqmmaDg/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSepU7NXaHGAR_RM61DT3phALnTnV1SDtZdCGph2f2wrqmmaDg/viewform)

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## Lendon's Youth Dressage Festival - Scholarship Nominations Due July 15th

Thanks to the generosity of an anonymous donor, Dressage4Kids is able to offer one scholarship in the amount of \$250 for one young rider to attend Lendon's Youth Dressage Festival at HITS on the Hudson in Saugerties, NY in August 2024. Trainers must submit the below nomination form, nominating a rider whom they would like to receive a scholarship.

For more information go to: <https://dressage4kids.org/scholarships/lendons-youth-dressage-festival-scholarship-nomination-form.html>

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**D4K Christian Kennedy Scholarship Applications due**

**July 15th**

**The Dressage4Kids Christian Kennedy Young Adult Scholarship to train with FEI Trainer Oded Shimoni**

This prestigious \$15,000 scholarship will provide one advanced rider, aged 18-26, with an unparalleled training experience in Wellington, Florida, from January through March 2025. The scholarship recipient will have the unique opportunity to train with renowned FEI trainer Oded Shimoni at OS Dressage. Oded has competed in two European Championships and three World Equestrian Games, in addition to training numerous top international combinations. Oded very generously donates his time to work with the recipient of this scholarship.

For more information, including how to apply, go to:

<https://dressage4kids.org/scholarships/christian-kennedy-memorial-fund-scholarships/d4k-christian-kennedy-young-adult-scholarship.html>

**The D4K Christian Kennedy Training Grant**

This training grant will be awarded to inspire one young rider (aged 18-26) through a special grant to work with an instructor of choice in Wellington, Florida for the winter season January-April 2025. The scholarship will provide funds up to \$10,000 towards transportation to/from Wellington, stabling (recipient must make their own stabling arrangements), showing expenses (if applicable), living expenses (recipient must find their own housing), and training expenses with an instructor of the scholarship recipient's choice.

For more information, including how to apply, go to:

<https://dressage4kids.org/scholarships/christian-kennedy-memorial-fund-scholarships/d4k-christian-kennedy-training-grant.html>

Many thanks to all the donors who make these scholarships possible.

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**D4K UP with The Dressage Foundation (via Zoom)**

**July 15th**

Dressage4Kids and The Dressage Foundation are offering an Intro to TDF Grants via Zoom!

The Dressage Foundation is a 501(c)(3) non-profit whose mission is to cultivate and provide financial support for the advancement of dressage in the United States. Since its founding in 1989, TDF has awarded millions of dollars in grant funding to improve dressage in the United States. Grants are available for riders of all ages and levels, instructors, judges, breeders, show managers, dressage clubs, and more.

We are pleased to welcome panelists Sophia Chavonelle, Jenny Johnson, Sabine Schut-Kery, and Sara Weiss, along with Lendon Gray as moderator.

July 15th at 7:30pm Eastern Time via Zoom

Registration in advance is required.

For more information, including how to register, go to:

<https://dressage4kids.org/programs/d4k-unmounted-programs/d4k-up-with-the-dressage-foundation-2024.html>

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**D4K Summer Intensive Training Program Participants**

Dressage4Kids is excited to offer the Summer Intensive Training (SIT) Program to provide an overall educational program for riders under age 26.

This year's Summer Intensive Training Program is hosted at Hampton Green Farm in Fruitport, Michigan July 2-30.

Participants include:

Abbie Bove, Minnesota  
Alice Burley, Georgia  
Alessandra Curvelo, Michigan  
Arianne Fournier, Canada  
Ellissa Gaines, Michigan  
Ben McWhorter, Louisiana  
Viviana Selner, Michigan  
Alivia Stille, Michigan  
Sofia Taveras, Florida

Stable Manager: Tegan Pedigo, Texas

We welcome auditors of the SIT program. If you would like to stop by, please contact Lendon at [graydressage@gmail.com](mailto:graydressage@gmail.com).

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## **D4K Winter Intensive Training Program Applications Due**

The D4K Winter Intensive Training Program involves three months of pure growth and first-hand experience to open the young rider's eyes to how they can best reach their full potential as a dressage rider. We encourage riders of all levels.

For more information, including how to apply, go to:

<https://dressage4kids.org/programs/winter-intensive-training-program.html>

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## **NEDA Symposium Demo Rider Applications due July 31st**

Demo Rider applications open July 1, 2024 and close July 31, 2024. Applicants must be or become a NEDA Member to apply. The selection criteria will include: gaits, harmony of horse and rider and previous competition record.

For more information, go to: <https://neda.org/page/2024DemoRiders>

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## **East Coast Youth Dressage Champion Award and East Coast Youth Dressage Champion Trainer Award**

Dressage4Kids, the Region 1 Youth Dressage Team Challenge, and the Atlanta Youth Festival have teamed up with sponsor Dover Saddlery and are proud to announce two inaugural awards: the East Coast Youth Dressage Champion Award and the East Coast Youth Dressage Champion Trainer Award. These awards are in recognition of young equestrians and their trainers who exhibit dedication in the world of dressage.

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

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**D4K Meet and Greet with Gareth Hughes  
during the NEDA Symposium**

Dressage4Kids is pleased to announce a special meet and greet with Gareth Hughes during the NEDA Symposium!

This event is open to all youth ages 25 and under.

The event will take place on Saturday, October 19th during the NEDA Fall Symposium at Mount Holyoke College Equestrian Center in South Hadley, Massachusetts.

All youth who wish to participate in the Dressage4Kids Youth Meet and Greet must also have purchased a NEDA auditor ticket for Saturday, October 19th. NEDA auditor tickets can be purchased online at <https://neda.org/page/2024Symposium>.

Additional information about the Meet and Greet is available at: <https://dressage4kids.org/programs/d4k-unmounted-programs/d4k-up-with-gareth-hughes.html>

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## Dressage4Kids Winter Intensive Training Program - Rider Spotlight

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



“My experience with the WIT program would have never been possible for me without the Christian Kennedy Scholarship. With that support, I was able to experience some of the most valuable training opportunities and educational events. I am forever grateful for what the Dressage4Kids program offers. The time I spent learning alongside of Lendon Gray has made a huge impact on my riding and teaching today.

These experiences have led to very important stepping stones in my career and journey as a developing professional.”

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**WIT Participant 2019**



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Emily started her Northeast Ohio based business, Emily’s Equestrian Enterprises, in 2018. She trains a wide variety of horses and their riders and takes pride in bringing out their best.

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## Facilities That Teach Younger Riders

We are compiling a list of facilities oriented towards dressage that teach beginners and younger riders.

Send info to Lendon Gray at [graydressage@gmail.com](mailto:graydressage@gmail.com).

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## USDF Youth Volunteer of the Year

This prestigious national award recognizes a USDF youth member who demonstrates a commitment to USDF's mission through exceptional volunteer effort and commitment. Any current USDF GM or PM may nominate a deserving youth for this award, but nominees must be current USDF members, 21 years or younger. Winners will be selected by the National Youth Programs Committee. Nominations must be submitted by August 31.

For more information, go to: <https://usdf.org/awards/service/youth-voy.asp>

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## The Dressage Foundation Grants

The Dressage Foundations offers a wide range of grants and programs to meet the needs of dressage enthusiasts across the board, including adult amateurs, breeders, instructors, judges, technical delegates, FEI/High Performance, para-equestrian, show management, Western Dressage, and youth and young adult riders.

To access their grant calendar, go to: <https://www.dressagefoundation.org/grants-and-programs/>

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## 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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