

From: Isabel Solano

To: Lendon Gray Youth Dressage Festival 2015

The scholarship I received from Lendon Gray D4K was used to attend Riding Right Farm's Dressage Boot Camp. Hollie McNeil –owner and instructor of Riding Right Farm- taught the camp. In those three days we did a lot of work, including riding, grooming, and studying.

The first day we started with balimo. Balimo really helped me with my balance. My first ride was in equitation with Hollie. In equitation Hollie taught me how to take better control of my horse's canter. My horse, Laura-Lee likes to do doughnuts, buck, and get her way when we canter. That really helped because equitation at D4K went really well and Laura-Lee did exactly as she was told. After equitation with Hollie, I had a grooming session. I got taught to clip horses and I pulled Laura-Lee's mane. I also learned how to braid a horses' mane with yarn.

The second day we also started with balimo. Then I rode a private lesson with Gail –a judge-. I rode Intro Test C in front of her and she gave me some tips- especially on my canters- on how to make everything better. We focused especially on my canters, my free walks, and my diagonals. After the 45 min lesson with Gail, I studied the required books for D4K, How To Think like a Horse and Dressage Solutions.

The third day again we all started with balimo. The whole team made stall cards. We had a lot of fun just making stall cards. After that Hollie taught the whole team how to trailer a horse.

The whole experience was so great, as always. I am really grateful that I got the scholarship.

Thank you so much,

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