

OPENING DATE FOR ENTRIES:  
June 3, 2024

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Entries must be RECEIVED by July 15, 2024

## Lendon Gray and Dressage4Kids, Inc.

Present the

### 25th Annual Youth Dressage Festival

*Kross Creek Farm Team Competition in Honor of Margarita Serrell  
East Coast Youth Dressage Champion Award and  
East Coast Youth Champion Trainer Award Sponsored by Dover Saddlery (New for 2024!)  
National Dressage Pony Cup Partner*

**Thursday, August 8th to Saturday, August 10th, 2024**

**HITS on the Hudson Show Grounds - Saugerties, New York**

#### **Show Manager**

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#### **Division Judges**

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**On-Line Entries Only Through: [www.horseshowoffice.com](http://www.horseshowoffice.com)**

**For more information:** <https://dressage4kids.org/>  
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Blue-color sections below indicate additional information that should be included on the entry form.

**Welfare of the Horse** Riders (and trainers) are responsible for ensuring that their horses are sound and fit enough for competition. It is at the discretion of the judges to excuse a horse if they feel the horse is not sound or is struggling. Riders and trainers are responsible for ensuring the welfare of the horse throughout this event. Stable management will be inspecting stalls to ensure that they are clean and there is ample clean water, and that horses are comfortable.

#### **Who May Compete**

**Age (through age 25):** The FEI age rule applies, which is the age the rider reaches in the calendar year. For example, if the rider becomes 25 years old in 2024, the rider is eligible, but if the rider becomes 26 years old in 2024, the rider is not. If the rider turns 12 anytime in the year 2024, the rider is considered to be 12 for the show.

**Qualifying Score:** **There is no qualifying score requirement for this year!** D4K wants this to be a fun and low pressure environment for both horse and rider. Your horse should be comfortable staying overnight in a show environment and the rider should feel confident in their ability to ride their horse in a large show environment.

**Rider** A rider may either: 1) enter two consecutive Divisions with the same horse, or 2) enter two Divisions on two different horses at the same level or different levels. A rider, with the exception to those entering the Walk/Trot or AA Introductory C Divisions, can enter a maximum of two Divisions (levels). A rider in the Walk/Trot or AA Introductory C Division can only enter one Division. A rider who has previously won a Division may not compete again on the same horse in that Division, with the exception of the Walk/Trot Division and the FEI Divisions.

**Horses: Please show concern for your horse and be aware of the amount of work in high heat. Management reserves the right to limit the number of classes a horse enters.**

#### **Divisions**

The Divisions are the heart of the Youth Dressage Festival. Each Division consists of three Sections: Written Test (Thursday late afternoon) and Dressage/Equitation Class (Friday). 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 score, then Dressage Test score and, if needed, the Written.

## **Divisions (continued)**

For example, for Division #11, the rider will take a written test for their age group and ride in a dressage test class for their Division where they will receive a score for the Dressage Test from the judge at C and an equitation score from an equitation judge at another position. A rider entering one of the FEI Divisions rides the Team dressage test of that level with exception to the FEI U25 level which has only one test.

**Reminder: A specific age will no longer be split across Divisions in order to make the Divisions similar in size. For this reason the numbers of riders in each Division may vary.**

### **Dressage Test Section(readers are not permitted):**

**WT – Walk/Trot Division** 2023 USDF Introductory Test B, to be ridden in the small arena, 20x40m. For riders who have never competed in a recognized competition where cantering is required. Riders in this division may not ride in any other division or class except for a Walk/Trot class or TOC Class in the Thursday Schooling Show and optional mounted classes where there is no canter involved such as Dressage Trail for Walk/Trot, Prix Caprilli Walk/Trot and Quadrille Class (Introductory level). Note: this Division is not eligible for the Overall Grand Champion and Reserve Champion Awards.

**AA – Walk/Trot/Canter Division** 2023 USDF Introductory Test C, to be ridden in the small arena 20x40m. For riders who have never competed at First Level or above. Riders in this Division may not ride in any other Division but may compete in optional classes.

<b>BB – USEF Training Level Division B</b>	<b>2023 USEF Training Level Test 3</b>	
<b>11 – USEF First Level Division</b>	<b>2023 USEF First Level Test 2</b>	
<b>22 – USEF Second Level Division</b>	<b>2023 USEF Second Level Test 2</b>	Unofficial jog required*.
<b>33 – USEF Third Level Division</b>	<b>2023 USEF Third Level Test 2</b>	Unofficial jog required*.
<b>44 – USEF Fourth Level Division</b>	<b>2023 USEF Fourth Level Test 2</b>	Unofficial jog required*.
<b>FC – FEI Children’s Division</b>	<b>2022 Team Test</b>	Unofficial jog required*. Open to riders 14 and under.
<b>FP – FEI Pony Division</b>	<b>2022 Team Test</b>	Unofficial jog required*. Open to riders 16 and under.
<b>FJ – FEI Junior Division</b>	<b>2022 Team Test</b>	Unofficial jog required*. Open to riders 18 and under.
<b>FY – FEI Young Rider Division</b>	<b>2022 Team Test</b>	Unofficial jog required*. Open to riders 21 and under.
<b>F25 – FEI U25 Division</b>	<b>2022 16-25 Grand Prix Test</b>	Unofficial jog required*. Open to riders 16-25.
<b>WD – Western Dressage Division</b>	<b><u><a href="#">2022 WDAA Test 3 of the Level</a></u></b>	

Note: Division may be split depending on the number of entries.

\*Unofficial jog (aka horse inspection) will be on TBD on Thursday. There is a 5 point penalty if the rider does not attend. To learn more about horse inspections (aka jogs) go to: <https://dressage4kids.org/d4k-festival/show-info/the-jog.html>

### **Para Equestrian (PE) Divisions:**

**PEA - Para Equestrian Division A** – 2023 FEI PE Grand Prix Test A (previously known as Grade 1 Team Test) Open to riders with a permanent physical disability who have never competed in a FEI PE Championship Test for their classification grade, or at Training Level or above. *Riders in this Division may compete only in this Division.*

**PEB – Para Equestrian Division B** – Open to all riders with a permanent physical disability. Riders may choose to compete in the current FEI PE Grand Prix Test A (previously known as the Team Test) that is most appropriate for their skill level (Grades II thru V). Riders in this Division may also enter another Division which is considered the equivalent, or consecutive level, of the Para Team Test being ridden, if qualified. Additional information for Para Equestrian Divisions A and B:

1. Riders must either include a copy of their FEI, USEF, or other national Dispensation Certificate, or other medical documentation which would be reviewed by the Show Committee to ensure the rider meets the minimum criteria for a physical disability. Riders with cognitive disabilities do not qualify to compete.
2. Compensating aids and special equipment used must follow the USEF/FEI rules and are subject to approval by the Show Committee.
3. Copies of the FEI PE Tests are available at: <http://www.fei.org/fei/your-role/organisers/p-e-dressage/tests>

### **Written Test Section:**

Consists of multiple choice or true/false questions. [Please note on entry if special test-taking needs](#) are required and detail the type of support needed. Written Test to be conducted online in a supervised testing environment at the Festival. **Riders will be required to bring their own mobile device with the ability to connect to the internet.**

## Required Reading List (See Age Rule detailed on Page 1):

All Ages: 2024 LYDF Prize List  
"Rules of Riding with Others in the Ring" available at:  
<https://dressage4kids.org/d4k-festival/show-info/rules-of-riding.html>

### Plus:

- 11 and Under "The United States Pony Club Manual of Horsemanship: D Level 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition" by Susan E. Harris and Pony Club; Chapters 5-12, Pages 145-297
- 12-15 "Dressage in Harmony: From Basic to Grand Prix" by Walter Zettl; Chapters 2-6 and 9-11 and "Shoeing the Modern Horse" by Steve Kraus; Chapters Introduction, 1, 2, 6, 7, 11
- 16-25 "Dressage in Harmony: From Basic to Grand Prix" by Walter Zettl Chapters 1-14 and "Shoeing the Modern Horse" by Steve Kraus; entire book

Books are available at a discount through Trafalgar Square Books. Use discount code D4K2024. <https://trafalgarbooks.com/>

## Equitation Section:

Riders will be scored on equitation during their dressage test ride. One judge at C will score the dressage test and a judge at another position will score the equitation. Riders will receive a separate score sheet for their equitation. The rider's position and seat will be judged along with the correct use and effect of the aids. The rider's position will be judged as it relates to the horse's balance (for example, a rider with a classical hunt seat position would be acceptable at Training Level but not at Third Level). The [score sheet](#) for the equitation section is posted on the LYDF website and is on the page 12 of Prize List.

## Optional Classes

**Entries will be limited – send your entries as early as possible. Entries for oversubscribed classes will be accepted in order of receipt.**

### Kross Creek Farm Team Competition

Teams are made up of three or four riders of any levels including the Walk/Trot Division. Highest three Division scores count. This is not a separate ride. A rider may be on only one team. If the rider has entered 2 Divisions, the scores are used from the rider's higher Division. Team members and team name must be declared on Entry or to the Show Secretary no later than 5 p.m. Thursday, August 8th. 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. "Wanna Be on a Team" riders will be randomly combined to form team(s). "Wanna Be on a Team" riders can check the Team Roster posted outside of the Show Office and submit any changes no later than 5 p.m. on Thursday. Note: Your "Team Name" does not need to be the same as your "Stabling Group". Stabling Group is used to designate who you want to stable together. The Team Name is the name you want to use for the Team Competition.

### Schooling Show (Thursday)

Riders will compute their own final score – awards by percentage. A volunteer will be present to help you score your test. Tests may be picked up at the Ribbons and Awards Table. TOC Pony Class Results will determine the National Dressage Pony Cup Awards (see Awards Section for details). Readers are not permitted.

<u>Class#</u>	<u>Class Description</u>	<u>Class #</u>	<u>Class Description</u>
SS1	2023 USDF Introductory Test B	SS7	2023 USEF Fourth Level Test 2
SS2	2023 USDF Introductory Test C	SS8	2022 FEI Children's Team Test
SS3	2023 USEF Training Level Test 3	SS9	2022 FEI Pony Team Test
SS4	2023 USEF First Level Test 2	SS10	2022 FEI Junior Team Test
SS5	2023 USEF Second Level Test 2	SS11	2022 FEI Young Rider Team Test
SS6	2023 USEF Third Level Test 2	SS12	2022 FEI 16-25 Grand Prix Test
SSIP	IPEC Test of Choice	SSW	2022 WDAA Test of Choice (Test 3 of the Level)
SSTP	Pony Test of Choice	SSTH	Horse Test of Choice
SSE	Eventing Test of Choice <b>New for 2024!</b>		

#### Notes:

- WDAA tests will not be permitted in the Pony and Horse Test of Choice Classes.
- Riders should only enter the Horse Test of Choice classes for a test that is not otherwise offered in the schooling show (i.e. Training Level Test 2).

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

No horse needed. Class will be score on how closely competitor's scores come to the scores of the appointed judge. For more information go to: <https://dressage4kids.org/d4k-festival/optional-classes/conformation-class.html>. If you have a horse that you would like to volunteer for this class, please contact Volunteer Coordinator, Amanda Gifford at [atahorse@gmail.com](mailto:atahorse@gmail.com).

## **Optional Classes (continued)**

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

Presenting a horse or pony on a Triangle. Each entry will include a horse, a lead handler and a whip handler. All handlers must wear helmets. This in-hand class on the triangle will be judged on the lead handler and the whip handler based on how they work together as a team. For more information go to: <https://dressage4kids.org/d4k-festival/optional-classes/handler-class.html>

### **Quadrille Class (Friday), Class QC**

Team of 4 riders required. In a quadrille competition the main criteria is the team's performance as a cohesive group. Compulsory routines test the team's ability to perform required movements according to acceptable standards. 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.

Each quadrille member should be able to perform the USDF/USEF dressage tests at the desired level. 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/>. Riders must specify the quadrille level they riding on their entry form. Quadrilles require much practice prior to the competition, please plan accordingly.

### **Leadline Class (Friday)**

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. No qualifying requirement. The test is posted at: <https://dressage4kids.org/d4k-festival/optional-classes/leadline.html>

### **Dressage Trail Class (Thursday & Saturday)**

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/>

**Class 1DT1** Thursday - Walk/Trot Only.

**Class 3DT1** Saturday - Walk/Trot Only.

**Class 1DT2** Thursday - Includes canter, more difficult tests may include a bridge, backing a turn, small jump, etc.

**Class 3DT2** Saturday - includes canter, more difficult tests may include a bridge, backing a turn, small jump, etc.

**Turn Out Inspection (Friday)** – 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. Rider must enter this class on their Festival entry through Horse Show Office. There is no cost to enter this class. There will be a sign-up sheet at the Volunteer's Table for riders to select a specific inspection time. It is recommended that riders select a time at least 15 minutes prior to their desired warm-up start time. For more information go to: <https://dressage4kids.org/d4k-festival/optional-classes/turnout-inspection.html>

### **Group Equitation Class (Friday)**

Classes may be split according to level at the discretion of Show Management – potentially Walk/Trot, Walk/Trot/Canter, Training Level and all others. This is a group class. The riders will be asked to perform at the level of their Dressage Test (or at the level entered), with that level's movements. 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.

### **Prix Caprilli Class (Friday & Saturday)**

Dressage test with jumps, ridden in a standard dressage arena. Tests posted at: <https://dressage4kids.org/d4k-festival/optional-classes/prix-caprilli.html>.

**Class 2PCI New for 2024!** Friday Introductory Level Walk/Trot movements in a small arena (20X40) with crossrails no higher than 12". Open to riders competing Training Level and below.

**Class 3PCI New for 2024!** Saturday Introductory Level Walk/Trot movements in a small arena (20X40) with crossrails no higher than 12". Open to riders competing Training Level and below.

**Class 2PCT** Friday Training Level Training Level movements with jumps no higher than 2'. Open to all riders except Walk/Trot Division.

**Class 3PCT** Saturday Training Level Training Level movements with jumps no higher than 2'. Open to all riders except Walk/Trot Division.

**Class 2PCF** Friday First Level First Level movements with jumps no higher than 2'6". Open to all riders competing First Level and above.

**Class 3PCF** Saturday First Level First Level movements with jumps no higher than 2'6". Open to all riders competing First Level and above.

## **Optional Classes (continued)**

### **Musical Freestyle Class (Saturday)**

Class will be limited to 25 riders on a first come, first serve basis. Riders may ride any USDF, USEF or FEI Freestyle. [Indicate level on entry](#). Please check USDF/FEI rules for requirements.

### **Costume Class - New for 2024! (Saturday)**

**Unmounted** class for both horses and humans. Can be an individual or team entry with a maximum of 6 people to a team. At least one member of the entry must have entered the Division Competition, but leadline entries and other support people such as siblings, parents, trainers may join in the fun.

## **Other Competitions and Activities with No Entry Fee**

### **Cover Art Contest (Deadline July 1, 2024)**

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. Drawings may be mailed or sent electronically. All drawings should be no larger than 8" x 11", must be vertical (like the front of a book) and can be in color or black/white. Photos must be vertical and sent electronically at 300 dpi at 100% of the size; if it is a smaller photo, the resolution needs to be higher.

Do not include words or numbers in drawings (except logical dressage show word/numbers, such a bridle number or arena letters), but do sign them at the bottom. Include your name, hometown and age written on the back of the drawings or in the email. Snail mail to: Margaret Freeman, 200 Aurora Lane, Tryon, NC 28782 or email [margfree@aol.com](mailto:margfree@aol.com)

**Tack Room 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. [To request stabling together, use the Entry Form and the same stable name](#). Judging will take place TBD on Friday.

**Ice Cream Social:** At a day and time to be determined. For competitors only.

**Ride On The Side:** Thursday - Exact time and location will be announced at the Festival. Margaret Freeman (S) will discuss rides from the judge's point of view allowing questions and discussion. All are welcome to attend including competitors, families and trainers.

**Trainers Forum:** Friday during the Written Test. Parents and trainers are encouraged to meet at the time and location TBD.

**Stable Management Challenge (Friday afternoon, exact time TBD)** – The two top scorers in the Written Test in the 12-15 and 16-25 age groups will be invited to participate in a practical Stable Management test which may include a check of their stall care, putting on bandages, recognizing good quality feed, fitting a saddle and other management skills. A list of riders qualifying for this competition will be posted outside of the Show Office on Friday by 2PM.

## **Awards**

- Overall Grand Champion and Reserve Champion Ribbons and Prizes.
- Division winners 1-6 to be presented ribbons and prizes. Ribbons for winners placing 7-10 will be available for pick up at the Awards Table.
- Six ribbons in each Class.
- Six ribbons in each Section (Written Test, Equitation and Dressage Test) within each Division. Ribbons may be picked up at the Awards Table after results are posted.
- Awards for top scorers in the Stall Area/Tack Room Competition.
- Kross Creek Farm Team Competition ribbons.
- Special Awards - see Page 9.

To be eligible for Division and Grand/Reserve Champion Awards, riders must complete all three sections of the Division: Written Test, Dressage/Equitation Test. The Walk/Trot Division is not eligible for the Overall Champion or Overall Reserve Champion Awards.

Management makes every effort to give appropriate prizes/awards to placeholders. Once given, it becomes the responsibility of the recipient. Management will not replace lost or stolen prizes including gift certificates. Awards and ribbons must be picked up in person and will not be mailed.

**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/>

## East Coast Dressage Awards Sponsored by Dover Saddlery - New for 2024!

The LYDF in Saugerties, 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. Winners will receive a \$500 gift card to Dover Saddlery. The following details the 2 awards:

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

**East Coast Youth Dressage Champion Trainer Award** – this award acknowledges the contribution of trainers to the development of the sport. Trainer MUST be on the showgrounds of these events to qualify for this award. 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. Go to the [D4K Website](#) for details.

## Entries

**Entries may be limited at management's discretion.** Riders are encouraged to submit their entry on Entry Open Date or soon thereafter. **Rider's complete entry MUST be received by the closing date.**

Riders MUST specify their [birth date](#) on their entry. A [negative Coggins Test](#) dated within 12 months and [proof of Equine Influenza, EH1 and EH4 within 6 months](#) of the Festival must accompany entry.

Post entries may be accepted to fill scratches at management's discretion with a \$40 office fee. Do not expect to be able to change entries after the closing date. No refunds after closing date. A \$40 office fee will be charged for refunds made before closing date. Management reserves the right to combine, divide, or cancel classes.

Payment Methods: All entries will be online through [www.horseshowoffice.com](http://www.horseshowoffice.com). Credit card payments will be accepted through [www.horseshowoffice.com](http://www.horseshowoffice.com). **Entries will not be processed unless payment has been received.** Contact the Entry Show Secretary if you do not receive a confirmation.

## Refunds

If classes are scratched and/or entire entry is withdrawn by the closing date, July 15, 2024, in writing to the Entry Secretary (email is acceptable), a full refund less \$40 office fee will be sent after the show. If the withdrawal is made by July 24, 2024 in writing to the Entry Secretary (email is acceptable), the refund will be for the cost of the stabling, golf carts, and shavings. All refunds will be sent after the show. After July 24, 2024, there are no refunds. If a new entry is submitted to replace a withdrawn entry all funds may be transferred, less the \$40 office fee.

## Fees

The Division Fee is \$110 and includes: Written Test, Dressage/Equitation Class for the Division; Overall Division Championship; Turnout Inspection Class; Tack Room Decorating Competition; Stable Management Challenge and Ice Cream Social.

Division Entry	\$110	(refer to the above for what the Division Fee includes)
Team Entry	\$ 5	Per rider
Additional Division	\$100	
Schooling Show	\$25	per class
Judging SH Conformation Class	\$30	
Handler Class	\$30	
Dressage Trail Class	\$30	
Prix Caprilli Class	\$30	
Musical Freestyle Class	\$30	
Quadrille Class	\$60	Per group/\$15 per rider
Costume Class	\$15	Per entry (for 1-6 riders per entry)
Leadline Class	\$15	Post entries \$25
Stalls (horse or tack)	\$250	For the duration (Wednesday, noon thru Saturday. No additional fee for Saturday night layover. \$50 fee for Monday departure.
Paddock	\$225	for the duration
Shavings	TBD	Per bag
Camper hookups	\$225	For the duration
Changes	\$25	Add to the entry for any reason after closing date. (at Management's discretion)
Non-Negotiable Check	\$50	
Office Fee	\$40	

**Golf Carts** May be reserved directly through Dever Rentals at: <https://deverrentals.com/event/saugerties-ny-dressage4kids-youth-dressage-festival-august-7-8/>

## **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. Application is attached and the deadline for submission is June 24, 2024. Emailed applications will NOT be accepted. The email address is detailed on the application.

**D4K Scholarship:** Thanks to the generosity of an anonymous donor, Dressage4Kids is able to offer on scholarship in the amount of \$250 for one youth rider to attend this year's Lendon's Youth Dressage Festival. Trainers must submit a nomination form, nominating the 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>

## **Stabling**

No horses are to arrive before 12 noon on Wednesday. Stabling in permanent 12x12 stalls. [Riders requesting adjoining stalls must use the same stable name \(not team name\) on all Entries.](#) You may not change stalls after you arrive. Paddock rentals are not in lieu of stalls. Every horse staying on the showgrounds for the duration must have a stall – no exceptions.

In the interest of safety, aisles must be kept clear (NO bikes in the aisles or anywhere near where horses go) and there must be plenty of room for two horses to pass one another. It is at the discretion of Dressage4Kids and its volunteers to mandate that you move something for safety reasons.

Please note: [In the Stabling section of the Entry](#) - The Stable Group is the name that all riders who want to stable together will give. This may be different than the "Team Name" for the team competition.

[Shavings can be pre-ordered on your online entry.](#) Shavings are TBD per bag. Each stall requires approximately 4 or 5 bags to bed it. There will be no hay available at the show. There will be limited availability for shavings at the show.

Stalls do NOT need to be stripped before leaving the show grounds.

Stabling information: Contact Kari Bradshaw at [rkhotshoe3@gmail.com](mailto:rkhotshoe3@gmail.com) or (860) 307-0396

**Paddocks** are for turnout only. Horses in paddocks must not be left unattended. NO horses permitted in paddocks overnight. All paddocks must be empty by 6PM each night and not reopened until 7AM each morning.

## **Proof of Equine Vaccination (VERY IMPORTANT)**

The HITS Show Grounds requires that every horse be vaccinated against the Equine Influenza, EH1 and EH4 vaccines within 6 months of the Festival. If a vaccination will expire during the Festival, the horse must receive the vaccination 14 days prior to the start of the Festival. [Submit proof of vaccination, along with negative Coggins, at time of entry by uploading documents to Horse Show Office.](#)

## **Offset Stabling Costs With Advertising Credits**

Competitors may solicit as many ads as they wish for the electronic show program. Competitors will receive credit for stabling costs as follows:

<b><u>Ad Type</u></b>	<b><u>Credit Received</u></b>
Full Page	\$150
Half Page	\$100
Quarter Page	\$ 75
Business Card	\$ 50

There is a limit of \$150 credit per competitor regardless of how many ads the competitor solicits or the size/cost of the ads. However, please remember that revenue from ads helps offset the costs of the Festival, allowing Dressage4Kids to keep show fees lower and to direct more proceeds into the scholarship funds.

Advertising Rates are as follows:	Business Card sized ad	\$ 100
	Quarter Page ad	\$ 175
	Half Page ad	\$ 250
	Full Page ad	\$ 400

Send printout of ad(s) with payment to: Karen Sprenger, 3 Ridgeview Road, Brewster, NY 10509. Email ads to Karen at [sprenk@mac.com](mailto:sprenk@mac.com). Phone: (845) 278-8006.

Ads must comply with the guidelines detailed in the Earn Credits Toward Stabling page on the Youth Dressage Festival website. Payment and ads must be received by June 26, 2024. There are no exceptions.

## **Rules**

**Competitor's Volunteer Requirement:** All competitors MUST volunteer for at least 1 hour during the show. Once you have arrived and have your horse stabled, get your packet from the Show Secretary, check your ride times, and then go to the Volunteer Booth for your assignment(s). Competitors need to know their ride times and warm up requirements before coming to the volunteer booth to sign up for their volunteer hour. Parents may accompany the competitor but may not sign up for them.

**Attire:** Riders may wear traditional show attire. Informal attire (short or long-sleeved polo shirts; no tee-shirts) also is acceptable in the performance arena in place of traditional show attire. Teams may want to have matching shirts. All riders must wear proper attire when mounted. ASTM/SEI-approved helmets are required for ALL riders when mounted. Helmets will also be required for all Handler Class entries and those handling the demo horses for the Sport Horse Conformation Class. The wearing of an improper helmet, including an improperly fitted helmet (e.g. loose chin straps), is grounds for disqualification. Whips and blunt spurs are allowed. Judges may deduct up to two points for messy attire in the performance arena. Award recipients must be in neat competition attire (unmounted) to receive their Division awards.

**Bridle Numbers:** Horses must wear a bridle number at all times when out of the stall.

**Tack and Bits** must follow USEF dressage rules with exception to Prix Caprilli classes. Bits used in competition must be the same bits used in the warm-up immediately preceding the competition. Draw reins are not permitted at any time on the show grounds. Horse boots and/or polos are allowed in warm-up areas. The Show Management reserves the right to inspect any rider and their equipment at any time for compliance with the show rules. Non-compliance will be grounds for disqualification.

**Schooling** is permitted only when the Show Office is open. Please refer to the Tentative Schedule on the next page. Trainers may school competitor horses on Wednesday and Thursday only and must sign a Release at the Show Office prior to riding. Any violation to this rule may result in the disqualification of the competitor.

**No coaching** is allowed any time while the rider is competing. Any rider receiving coaching while in the competition ring will be disqualified whether the rider requested such assistance or not. Any visual, verbal, or otherwise vocal communication with the rider is considered coaching.

**Readers** are not permitted for the Schooling Show on Thursday or the Dressage/Equitation division class on Friday. Readers are permitted in the Trail, Prix Caprilli, and Quadrille classes.

**Lunging** is only permitted in designated areas.

**Ring stewards** are not there to assist the riders with their times or after whom they ride. The riders need to know in what ring they ride, their times, and the numbers of the riders ahead of them. Do not ask the stewards.

**An adult** must supervise all young children at all times.

**Golf carts** or any motorized vehicle (i.e. scooters) brought to the show may be operated only by licensed drivers.

**Parking** Five points may be taken off the final score of any rider whose vehicle is parked in illegal parking areas. Two-horse trailers will be allowed 15 minutes to unload; larger vehicles will be allowed one-half hour to unload. After these times, all vehicles will have to be moved to parking areas. All trailers must be parked in the Campground area. Parking permitted on one side of the barn ONLY.

**Dogs** must be leashed and kept quiet in stabling and riding areas.

**Infractions** of any rules may be cause for elimination or up to a 5-point penalty at the discretion of management.

## **Other Information**

**Award Times** - Management will do their best to inform riders about award times, but it is the riders' responsibility to be on time for awards. No awards will be mailed. With exception to Team Awards and Leadline, riders will pick up ribbons at the Ribbons and Awards Table. The Leadline Class will be awarded in the ring at the end of the Class. .

**Special Awards** - Winners will be posted by the Show Office on the score board as they become available. Once winners are posted, they can pick up their award at the "Awards" Location. A photographic opportunity will be available.

**Tentative Times** - Times and important additional information will be posted on the [Dressage4Kids website](#) one week prior to the show, but are subject to change. Official times will be posted by 7 a.m. on each show day.

**Roving Trainers:** Our wonderful professionals volunteer their time for any competitor without a trainer who wishes help. Please contact Lendon Gray at [graydressage@gmail.com](mailto:graydressage@gmail.com), preferably prior to the show. If you need to sign up while at the show, there will be a sign-up sheet at the Volunteer Table, but individual times and particular trainers are not guaranteed.

**Arenas:** All arenas and warm-up are on a sand mixture. Lunging allowed in the lunging ring only.



## **Other Information (continued)**

**Education and Entertainment:** There will be demonstrations throughout the show. Watch for notices posted and listen for announcements regarding the days and times of activities. There may be opportunities to "Sit with the Judge" and to practice judge.

**Concession Food:** Will be available from 7 a.m. each day at the food court.

**Photographer:** Amy Dragoo [amy@dragoophoto.com](mailto:amy@dragoophoto.com), 610-656-0258

**First Aid:** Victor Palumbo Jr. 845-421-8350

**Veterinarian:** Rhinebeck Equine will be on call at (845) 876-7085

**Farrier:** Peter Buckbee 518-751-6148

## **Tentative Schedule**

Wednesday	1:00 PM	Stables Open. Do not arrive before this time.
	1:00 PM	Show Office Opens
	1:00 PM	Volunteer Booth Opens
	1:30 PM	Schooling Begins (Designated Rings Only & MUST have bridle number)
	6:30 PM	Show Office & Volunteer Booth Closes/Schooling Ends
Thursday	7:00 AM	Show Office Opens; Volunteer Booth opens; Schooling Begins (Designated Rings Only & MUST have bridle number)
	8:00 AM	Schooling Show Begins; Optional Trail Classes, Judging Sport Horse Conformation Class and Handler Class times TBD. Time TBD for Jog for competitors in Divisions 2 <sup>nd</sup> Level and above
	4:00 PM	Final Team Designations are due to Show Secretary.
	4:00 PM	Written Test in the Spectators Pavilion (far side of the Grand Prix Stadium)
	4:00 PM	Trainers & Coaches Forum in the Bar
	6:00 PM	Show Office Closes/Volunteer Booth Closes/Schooling Ends
Friday	7:00 AM	Show Office Opens/Volunteer Booth Open/Schooling Begins (Designated Rings Only & MUST have bridle number)
	7:00 AM	Turnout Inspection Begins
	8:00 AM	Show Begins
	TBD	Judging Tack Room Decorating Competition
	TBD	Sound Check for Musical Freestyles at the Announcer's Booth
	TBD	Stable Management Challenge. Location TBD.
	TBD	Quadrille Class
	TBD	Leadline Class
	3:30 PM	Provisional Team Results Posted for Review (3:30-4:00)
	4:00 PM	Show Office Closes/Volunteer Booth Closes/Schooling Ends
	4:00 PM	Line Up for Parade of Teams
	4:00 PM	Parade of Teams; Demo; Team Awards
Saturday	7:00 AM	Show Office Opens/Volunteer Booth Opens/Schooling Begins (Designated Rings Only & MUST have bridle number)
	8:00 AM	Awards Begin. Consult Awards Bulletin Board for Presentation Times
	8:00 AM	Prix Caprilli, Dressage Trail, Musical Freestyle Classes begin
	3:00 PM	Show Office Closes/Festival Ends

## **Special Awards**

Unless noted otherwise, highest score means the overall highest score of all three Sections: Dressage Test, Equitation Class, and Written Test. Walk/Trot riders are only eligible to receive awards noted by #. If the award is marked with a \*\* you must apply for this award with your festival entry through Horse Show Office and satisfy the documentation requirements of the award. If it is an award for a specific breed, you must provide copy of the horse's breed papers. You will not be considered for the award if the documentation is not received by Closing Date. All other special awards will be automatically entered if they apply to you. Riders must verify their Award Application against the posted Award Application Report and notify the Show Secretary of any discrepancies by Friday 5PM.

## **Special Awards (continued)**

1. American Connemara Pony Society Perpetual Award – highest scoring rider on a Connemara in Dressage. \*\*
2. Anflug-Eilers Perpetual Trophy – Highest scoring rider in the Equitation phase ages 17 and under.
3. Big Ben Memorial Award (\$100 cash award) – Highest scoring competitor aged 18 to 25 in the Written Test.
4. Cadanz Perpetual Trophy – Highest scoring rider in the FEI YR Dressage Phase.
5. Carol Lavell Award – Highest scoring rider in the Musical Freestyle.
6. The Cirinity Michelle Perpetual Trophy – Highest scoring rider in any Division riding a Friesian. \*\*
7. The Clovis Memorial Award - Award includes \$250 plus one year supply of Triple Crown Feed not to exceed 40 bags after the receipt of a scholarship report emailed to Mary at [d4k.org@gmail.com](mailto:d4k.org@gmail.com) detailing how the winner used the \$250 for educational purposes. .  
Horses who have overcome large medical obstacles are eligible for this award. Rider must submit a written document with their entry briefly explaining the horse's health issues, along with their medical, nutritional, and psychological needs and how the rider helps care for the horse mentally and physically for the horse to stay happy in its work. The winner will be the highest scoring rider (Division Score) of those who qualify. This award is sponsored by Triple Crown, Cherry Ridge Dressage, Spa Equine Sports Medicine, and Friends of Clovis. \*\*
8. Crown Jewel Memorial Award – Highest scoring rider on a mare in Dressage.
9. Fakir Rouge Perpetual Trophy – Highest scoring rider in an FEI Dressage Test Class.
10. Festive Pandora Trophy – Highest scoring rider on a Welsh. \*\*
11. Finally Phantom Perpetual Trophy – Highest scoring rider on a Thoroughbred. \*\*
12. Fjord Award High Score Award – Highest scoring Fjord in a Division. \*\*
13. Harry Houdini Memorial Trophy – Highest scoring rider in Prix Caprilli on a pony.
14. Jacqueline Harris Memorial Trophy – Highest scoring rider on a Connemara. \*\*
15. Jill Bertolini Furlan Memorial Award (\$500 cash award) – Highest scoring rescues horse. Rider to upload a document to Horse Show Office with their entry which includes a paragraph explaining why the horse qualifies for this award including a brief history of the horse. \*\*
16. Katherine Boyer Perpetual Trophy – Highest scoring rider in the FEI Junior Division.
17. Kenneth P. Seeber DVM Memorial Trophy – highest scoring rider in the Stable Management Competition.
18. Kitwell Consul Memorial Trophy – Highest scoring rider on an Arabian or Half Arabian. \*\*
19. Last Scene Perpetual Trophy – Highest scoring rider in the FEI Pony Division.
20. Later On Memorial Trophy – Highest scoring rider traveling a long distance competing on a borrowed horse. \*\*
21. Legato Young Horse Award – Highest scoring rider with the youngest horse or pony (4 or 5 years old).
22. Lindekrona Memorial Trophy – Highest scoring male rider.
23. Lindsay S. Jacob Memorial Trophy – Highest scoring rider in the Equitation phase in the age 18-21 Division.
24. Miss Jane Marple Memorial Trophy – Highest scoring rider in the Para Equestrian divisions.
25. Orchard Hill's Andalusian/Lusitano Perpetual Trophy – Highest scoring rider on a PRE, Andalusian or Lusitano. \*\*
26. Pikona Memorial Trophy – Highest scoring rider on a Hanoverian. \*\*
27. Russells Mills Memorial Trophy – Highest scoring jumper rider (must have competed in USEF recognized hunter show in the past 12 months). \*\*
28. Searsmont Perpetual Trophy (\$100 cash award)– Highest hunter/equitation rider (must have competed in a USEF recognized show in the past 12 months). \*\*
29. Seldom Seen Memorial Trophy – Highest scoring rider on a pony.
30. Shavano's Pride Memorial Trophy – Highest scoring rider on a non-solid colored horse (Appaloosa, Paint, etc.). \*\*
31. Sky Farm Equestrian 4-H Club Award – Highest scoring rider in 4H. [Provide 4H Club Name on Entry Form](#) \*\*
32. Superstar Perpetual Trophy – Highest scoring rider on a Quarter Horse. \*\*
33. #Two Swan Farms Perpetual Trophy – Youngest rider in a division.
34. Umego Perpetual Trophy – Highest scoring rider on a Schoolmaster – Rider to upload a document to Horse Show Office with their entry which includes explaining why the horse qualifies for this award with their entry. \*\*
35. U.S. Pony Club Perpetual Trophy – Highest scoring Pony Clubber. [Provide Pony Club Name & Certification on Entry Form](#). \*\*
36. UVM Roseanna Memorial Trophy – Highest scoring rider on a Morgan. \*\*
37. Vakhos Memorial Trophy – Highest Dressage score for event riders competing at or above First Level (having competed in a sanctioned horse trial in in the past 12 months). \*\*
38. Victor Hugo-Vidal Memorial Trophy – Highest scoring rider in the Prix Caprilli classes.

## **Accommodations**

Reserve your rooms early!

[Best Western Plus Kingston Hotel and Conference Center](#) is the official hotel for the Youth Dressage Festival. Click on the link for discount or use group ID: 4T4UM8Q4

For a more complete list go to [www.hitsshows.com](http://www.hitsshows.com). [Camper hookups available at show grounds and must be prepaid with your entry](#). If you have questions, please contact the Youth Dressage Festival Manager, not the HITS office.

### Saugerties - 10 minutes to show grounds:

Diamond Mills Hotel 845-247-0700 [www.diamondmillshotel.com](http://www.diamondmillshotel.com)

Holiday Inn Express Saugerties 845-247-8800 [www.ihg.com](http://www.ihg.com)

Howard Johnson 845-246-9511 <http://www.hojo.com>

Comfort Inn 845-246-1565 <http://www.choicehotels.com>

### Kingston - 20 minutes to show grounds:

Courtyard by Marriott 845-382-2300 [www.marriott.com/courtyard/travel.mi](http://www.marriott.com/courtyard/travel.mi)

Residence Inn by Marriott 845-383-3695 <https://www.marriott.com/reservation/rateListMenu.mi?defaultTab=prepay>

Holiday Inn Express & Suites Kingston-Ulster (845) 336-6200 [www.ihg.com](http://www.ihg.com)

Hampton Inn 845-382-2600 [www.hamptoninn.com](http://www.hamptoninn.com)

Best Western Plus 845-338-0400 Ask for LYDF Discount!

Super 8 Motel 845-338-3078 [www.super8.com](http://www.super8.com)

Ramada Inn 845-339-3900 [www.ramada.com](http://www.ramada.com)

Superlodge 845-338-4200

### Catskill - 25 minutes to show grounds:

Quality Inn 518-943-5800 [www.qualityinn.com/hotel/ny270](http://www.qualityinn.com/hotel/ny270)

Friar Tuck Resort & Spa 800-832-7600 <http://www.friartuck.com/>

## **Directions (GPS address for cars – 454 Washington Avenue, Saugerties, NY. Trucks use the directions below):**

### **Trucks from North:**

Exit 20 off of Interstate 87 (New York State Thruway).

After tollbooth, turn right onto State Route 32 North and go 1.5 miles.

Bear slight right at Y, and go 0.1 miles to 4-way stop.

Turn right at 4-way stop onto Malden Turnpike (County Rt. 34) and go 1.6 miles.

Turn right onto Route 9W South and go 0.4 miles.

Turn right onto Mike Kraut Road. Show grounds will be on the left.

### **Trucks from South:**

Exit 20 off of Interstate 87 (New York State Thruway).

After tollbooth, turn left onto Ulster Avenue and go 0.2 miles.

Turn right and follow State Road 32 North for 1.6 miles.

Bear slight right at Y, and go 0.1 miles to 4-way stop.

Turn right at 4-way stop onto Malden Turnpike (County Rt. 34) and go 1.6 miles.

Turn right onto Route 9W South and go 0.4 miles.

Turn right onto Mike Kraut Road. Show grounds will be on the left.

### **Cars from North:**

Exit 20 off of Interstate 87 (New York State Thruway).

After tollbooth, turn right onto State Route 32 North, and go 1.0 miles.

Turn right onto Peoples Road and go 0.9 miles.

Turn left after train tracks onto Canoe Hill Road and go 0.5 miles.

Canoe Hill Road becomes Mike Kraut Road. Show grounds will be 1.8 miles on the right.

### **Cars from South:**

Exit 20 off of Interstate 87 (New York State Thruway).

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