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## Dressage4Kids Calendar

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

### December

December 9-10, 2023 - D4K TEAM Clinic with Mica Mabragaña at Faith Hill Farm in East Greenwich, Rhode Island

December 9-10, 2023 - D4K TEAM Clinic with Lendon Gray at Mills Farm in Opelousas, Louisiana

December 16-17, 2023 - D4K TEAM Clinic with Lendon Gray at Fawn Hollow in Melbourne, Florida

### January

D4K Winter Intensive Training Program at Top Meadow Farms in Wellington, Florida

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## Training4Teaching January 15th

Save the date!

Monday, January 15th Dressage4Kids is pleased to welcome speakers Jennifer Baumert, Ashley Holzer, Olivia LaGoy-Weltz and Marsha Lewis for a panel discussion on coaching riders of all levels in competition - and how riders prefer to be coached.

Registration in advance is required at <https://dressage4kids.org/programs/d4k-training4teaching/training4teaching-january-15-2024.html>.

*Save the date!*

Dressage4Kids™ Training4Teaching Program  
Panel Discussion: Coaching at Shows – Riders of all Levels

Monday, January 15<sup>th</sup>  
Wellington, Florida

following the Adequan®/USDF FEI Level Trainers Conference, all are welcome (not just conference attendees)

Moderator: Lendon Gray

Panelists: Jennifer Baumert, Ashley Holzer, Olivia LaGoy-Weltz and Marsha Lewis

Details to follow – [www.dressage4kids.org](http://www.dressage4kids.org)

Also stay tuned for additional Training4Teaching seminars in Wellington, Florida!

Tentative dates as follows:

January 7, 2024 6-8pm

January 21, 2024 6-8pm

February 4, 2024 6-8pm

February 18, 2023 6-8pm

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## Dressage4Kids Unmounted Programs - Tufts Equine Center April 13 2024



**Save the Date**  
Saturday, April 13, 2024

 **Dressage4Kids™**  
D4K UP Lectures  
Open House

 Cummings School  
of Veterinary Medicine

Equine Sports Medicine Complex  
53 Willard Street, North Grafton, MA

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**Thank You D4K TEAM Clinic Host Facilities**

Many thanks to all the 2023 TEAM Clinic host facilities!

[Asolare Sporthorses](#)  
Greenfield Center, New York

Euphoria Stables  
Starke, Florida

[Faith Haven Stables](#)  
North East, Pennsylvania

[Faith Hill Farm](#)  
East Greenwich, Rhode Island

Fawn Hollow  
Melbourne, Florida

[Georgia International Horse Park](#)  
Conyers, Georgia

[Hampton Green Farm](#)  
Fruitport, Michigan

Highclere Farm  
Burlington, North Carolina

[Hilltop Farm](#)  
Colora, Maryland

Maunawili Farms  
Kailua, Hawaii

[Meadowbrook Farm](#)  
Naples, Maine

[Mills Farm](#)  
Opelousas, Louisiana

National Equestrian Centre  
Bermuda

[RER Ponies](#)  
Hatfield, Massachusetts

[Riding Right Farm](#)  
Buskirk, New York

[Rocking M Stables](#)  
Dallas, Texas

[Rolling Ridge Stables](#)  
Manor, Texas

[Sagewood Farm](#)  
Ravenna, Ohio

[Twinwood Equestrian Center](#)  
Simonton, Texas

[Unlimited Dressage](#)  
Alpharetta, Georgia

[Winchester Stables](#)  
Newfane, Vermont

[Woods Edge Equestrian Center](#)  
Spring Hil, Kansas

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## Dressage4Kids Youth Dressage Festival Save the Date

Save the Date!

Dressage4Kids Youth Dressage Festival

August 8-10, 2024

HITS on the Hudson Showgrounds  
Saugerties, New York

Stay tuned for more updates!

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## Meet Youth Dressage Festival Competitor Sydney Goulding

Sydney Goulding was the Training Level Division Ages 17-25 Champion of YDF 2023

Q: How many years have you been riding?

Sydney: Since I was three, so this is my 15th year!

Q: How many years have you competed at YDF?

Sydney: This past year was my second year attending the Festival.

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

Sydney: As much as I love the actual competition, some of my favorite parts are the team parade, meeting other teams and riders at the ice cream social and written exam, and taking the ponies out on walks and exploring the venue!

Q: What was your reaction when you found out you were the Training Level Division Ages 17-25 Champion?

Sydney: I think the best way to describe my feelings were very very excited, and proud of my horse and how far he has come to do so well in a competitive division!

Q: What are your future riding goals/plans?

Sydney: I plan to take my horse Tux up the levels in eventing and dressage (he's coming to college with me next year) and after that see where my love for horses and the sport takes me.

Q: Are you planning on returning to YDF next year?

Sydney: Yes! (And hopefully we will have at least one team representing our barn, Bit by Bit)

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

Sydney: Tux is a ten year old, 16.0 hand dutch harness horse. I got him when was was 7, aweek into under saddle training – he was definitely a very green project horse both because he was inexperienced and has quite the spunky and energetic personality – but with the support of my trainers and barn family, Tux and I have grown so much as a team and are achieving things I hadn't even dreamed of when I first got him.

Q: Are there any funny quirks about your horse?

Sydney: Tux is a very quirky horse, he likes to smile and show his teeth, is talented at removing his fly boots and his paddock bff's gear, tries to roll in water, and loves to stare at the pond from his paddock.

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

Sydney: He loves anything sweet, especially homemade carrot and molasses cookies with frosting.

Q: Does Tux have a favorite class at YDF?

Sydney: Tux's favorite class is probably Trail or Musical Kur! He loves to see all the different obstacles set up in the ring for Trail, and it's a switch from his regular dressage work, but he definitely gets moving to the beat of his Freestyle music!

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

Sydney: His favorite movement is either cantering across the diagonal like in our Training Level test and Musical Freestyle, or the free walk because he gets to sniff the ground.

Q: What was it like competing on a team?

Sydney: We brought two teams from Bit by Bit! My team had three Bit by Bit riders and one rider, Evelynn and her pony Shrimp, who I met last year during the written exam and spent a lot of time with. This past year we asked her to join us because she was competing alone the year prior, so it was super cool to actually have her as a part of the team!

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

Sydney: I definitely owe the most to my trainers Jess and Mary who have worked with me and Tux through our good and bad since day one, and certainly made us the pair we are today, and also my family at home and at the barn who show nothing but love and support. The Festival these past two years has been a highlight of my summers and fantastic experiences that I will carry with me throughout my future in riding. It is so incredible how much I've gained from spending a few days with the team, horses, and my family at the Festival, and the impact this event has on so many riders! Thank you for creating such a wonderful experience!



Sydney Goulding and Tux

## 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>



"The Winter Intensive Training program was easily one of the most influential experiences of my riding career. The program provides excellent instruction, endless opportunities and experiences, and allows you to be a part of a very special community for the rest of your life. I would not be the rider I am today without Lendon Gray and WIT!"



PC Bethany P. Photography

WIT Participant 2017

Leah graduated from Endicott College and is a certified Interior Designer with her own business specializing in equine facilities and homes. She spends winters in Wellington and is competing the Small Tour with her horse "Tibi."

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## Dressage4Kids Annual Appeal - Thank you!

A big thank you to those of you who have already donated to the Dressage4Kids Annual Appeal!

We invite you to join Dressage4Kids in making a lasting impact on the lives of aspiring equestrians. With your generous support, Dressage4Kids offers educational and competitive opportunities for both youth and adults, fostering a deep love and knowledge of good horsemanship and the sport of dressage.

[Click here to make your contribution today.](#)

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## The Dressage Foundation Grant Application Deadlines

The Dressage Foundation (TDF) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit, tax-exempt organization, helping dressage enthusiasts across the country reach their goals and realize their dreams!

Founded in 1989 by Lowell Boomer, TDF has awarded millions of dollars in grant funding to help our sport continue to grow and thrive. Grants are available for riders of all ages and levels, instructors, judges, breeders, show managers, dressage clubs, and more.

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

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## Estate Planning for Equestrians

Source: Hollow Brook Wealth Management, educating clients in the nuances of estate and financial planning specific to equestrians and equine businesses

- Consider a Will or Horse Trust
- Registration Papers and Medical Records
- Update Boarding Contracts
- Understand the Equine Activity Liability Act (EALA)
- Equine Mortality Insurance Coverage
- General Liability Insurance Coverage
- Protecting Horse Farms via Conservation Easement

[https://insights.hollowbrookllc.com/recommendations-for-equestrian-planning?utm\\_id=oldsalem&utm\\_content=248050844&utm\\_medium=social&utm\\_source=linked\\_in&hss\\_channel=lcp-10861162](https://insights.hollowbrookllc.com/recommendations-for-equestrian-planning?utm_id=oldsalem&utm_content=248050844&utm_medium=social&utm_source=linked_in&hss_channel=lcp-10861162)

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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>

Check out our videos on YouTube

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