

Scholarship Article

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First of all I would like to thank you for accepting my request to get a scholarship. Thank you for letting me be part of the D4K clinic this year at Hampton Green. While I was there I learned a bunch of stuff, and I would enjoy telling you about it.

My first lesson that I had there was with Kerrigan Gluch. What I learned in that lesson was to sit deep in the saddle when you halt the horse. This is important because you feel like you are one with the horse when you ask them to do so. Some phrases that she said when I was halting was, "Sit deep.... and whoa". Some exercises that we did were circles, transitions, halting, cantering, and center line.

My second lesson I had was with Lendon Gray. What I learned from that lesson was very important information for the rider, and the horse as well. What I learned is don't constantly "nag" your horse with your legs. If you "nag" your horse over and over again then they just won't listen. What you have to do is squeeze first with your leg, then if the horse doesn't listen then do a kick. Some included phrases from this lesson was "Squeeze, don't kick. Squeeze first, then kick if they don't listen". Some exercises that we did were circles, walk trot transitions, centerline work, and a little bit of cantering.

Thank you for letting me get a scholarship to be able to go to Hampton Green, and get lessons, and lectures about awesome information about horse stuff. Thank you again for this scholarship, and having two 1 on 1 lessons with amazing instructors! Thank you again!

