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Dressage4Kids Calendar

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

June

June 1-2 - D4K TEAM Clinic at Whispering Miracle's Equestrian Center in Virginia Beach, Virginia

June 8-9 - D4K TEAM Clinic at Meadowbrook Farm in Naples, Maine

June 22-23 - D4K TEAM Clinic at Rancho Santa Fe in Bloomingdale, Michigan

June 25-27 - D4K Horsemastership Clinic at Hilltop Farm in Colora, Maryland

July

July 2-30 - D4K Summer Intensive Training Program at Hampton Green Farm in Fruitport, Michigan

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

D4K TEAM Clinic Report from Adalie Henderson

Are you curious about Dressage4Kids TEAM Clinics? Read this summary from D4K TEAM member Adalie Henderson!

My time at the Dressage4Kids was a great experience for me to improve my riding skills and make some new friends. I greatly enjoyed the instruction I was given, and learned new things to greatly improve my riding. It was not only an opportunity to improve my riding, but to learn and improve on things including wrapping polos, braiding, hearing

about other rider's journeys, hoofcare, and more.

Even when I was not riding, I still gained useful information to improve my under-saddle skills. There were many things I learned that I was not even aware of! This includes my hand placement, my upper body position, and more. I was intrigued to learn things I had never even heard of, such as the ability to do *nothing*. I was instructed to never lose the ability to do nothing. If I could do something, I had to be able to *not* do it. Not only was the instruction great, but I made a new friend I hope to find at shows and clinics. Overall, the Dressage4Kids TEAM clinic was an amazing opportunity to improve my skills off and on the horse, and to make new friends and discoveries.

[Click here for more information about the TEAM Program.](#)



D4K Horsemastership Clinic with Olympian Allison Brock - Auditing Opportunities

Dressage4Kids is excited to offer a D4K Horsemastership Clinic June 25-27 at Hilltop Farm in Colora, Maryland. Guest instructors will include Olympian Allison Brock and others to be announced.

Auditors are welcome.

Auditors must rsvp in advance by latest June 20th - email Mary at td4k.org@gmail.com.

The auditing fees are as follows:

- Dressage4Kids Participating Auditor (open to Dressage4Kids TEAM members only): \$150 for the duration and includes fully participating with the riders in all activities, including lectures and lunches
- General Auditor, ages 25 and under (open to all): \$40/day and includes auditing of the lessons and lectures (as space permits) only (no lunches)
- General Auditor, ages 26 and over (open to all): \$50/day and includes auditing of the lessons and lectures (as space permits) only (no lunches)

Lendon's Youth Dressage Festival - Entries Open June 3

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 open June 3rd.

[Click here for more information, including the Prize List.](#)

D4K Winter Intensive Training Program Applications due July 1

First applications for the Dressage4Kids Winter Intensive Training Program will be considered July 1st. Applications received after July 1st will be considered on a rolling, space-available basis.

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

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

Cover Art Contest - Deadline July 1

Calling all artists! You do NOT need to be entered in the show in order to enter the Cover Art Contest.

A drawing or photo by anyone under 25 will be chosen for the cover of the Show Program. Other artwork submitted but not chosen for the cover will also be included inside the program and possibly also other D4K program books.

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

Lendon's Youth Dressage Festival - Volunteers Needed

Calling all volunteers!

Since the inaugural event in 1999, volunteers at Lendon's Youth Dressage Festival have been the major force behind the staging of this unique show.

Whether their commitment is for a few hours, or an entire year, more than 200 volunteers work tirelessly before, during, and after the show to make it a memorable learning experience for the competitors and spectators alike.

Anyone can help – parents, coaches, siblings, grandparents, friends of riders, and fans of dressage!

Contact Volunteer Coordinator Amanda Gifford at atahorse@gmail.com for more info.

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>



Matt Baillargeon

“Not only did the WIT program open my eyes to upper level dressage and world class horse management, it gave me a foundation to which I was able to grow and reach my goals of successfully riding to the Grand Prix level, as well as a lifetime of friendships that has been an asset above all others. The mentoring, skill building and connections that are cultivated in the WIT program are the hallmark and future of tomorrow’s dressage professionals.”



WIT Participant 2014
Stable Manager 2020

Currently the head trainer at Meadowbrook Equestrian Center, located in Naples, Maine, Matt has developed a program that caters to both youth and adults. Matt currently competes his D4K horse, Freedom, at Grand Prix.

USDF Convention Scholarship for Youth

These scholarships provide financial support to young dressage enthusiasts to help defray the expenses associated with attending the annual USDF convention. Applications for this award must be received by August 31. Applicants must be current USDF participating members, age 21 or younger.

[For more info, including how to apply, click here.](#)

US Equestrian Interscholastic Athlete Program

Available for Students in Grades 5-12

US Equestrian is writing a new chapter in the recognition of student athletes – one that honors Equestrians.

The US Equestrian Interscholastic Athlete Program is open to equestrian athletes who participate in any breed or discipline. To earn letters, athletes should be a subscriber or competing member of US Equestrian.

[For more info, including how to apply, click here.](#)

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/>

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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