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## Dressage4Kids Calendar

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

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## Open Positions for Grooms and Working Students in Florida

There are several open positions for grooms and working students in Florida for riders of all levels, including one where a schoolmaster is available. Contact Lendon at [graydressage@gmail.com](mailto:graydressage@gmail.com) for more info.

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## Weekend Equestrian Program Virtual Educational Series

The annual Dressage4Kids Weekend Equestrian Program is moving to a virtual series!

[Click here to register.](#)

Speakers will include:

Alexa Derr  
Ben Ebeling  
Janet Foy  
Kerrigan Gluch  
Lendon Gray  
Adrienne Lyle  
Natalie Pai  
Lisa Schmidt  
Sabine Schut-Kery  
Cesar Torrente

And many others!

[Click here for more information, including dates and registration info.](#)

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## Thank you to our TEAM clinic host facilities!

Many many thanks to all the host facilities that opened their doors for the Dressage4Kids TEAM Clinics. We are very grateful to you!

- Blue Ribbon Farm in Clinton Corners, New York
- Blue Ribbon Hunters Jumpers Dressage in Las Vegas, Nevada
- Cahuilla Dressage in Madison, Georgia
- Dancing Horse Farm in Lebanon, Ohio
- Faith Haven Stables in North East, Pennsylvania
- Fawn Hollow in Melbourne, Florida
- Field of Dreams in Bath, Pennsylvania
- Georgia International Horse Park in Conyers, Georgia
- Hampton Green Farm in Fruitport, Michigan
- Heritage Equestrian Center in East Greenwich, Rhode Island
- Hi Hopes Dressage in Redlands, California
- Kentucky Horse Park in Lexington, Kentucky
- Lake Erie College Equestrian Center in Painesville, Ohio
- Northridge Equestrian Center in Gilbert, Pennsylvania
- Pacific Equestrian Center in Wilton, California
- Pineland Farms in New Gloucester, Maine
- Prince George's Equestrian Center in Upper Marlboro, Maryland
- Proud Meadows in Waxahachie, Texas
- Red Fern Ranch in Platte City, Missouri
- RER Ponies in Hatfield, Massachusetts
- Riding Right Farm in Buskirk, New York
- Rolling Ridge Stables in Manor, Texas
- Rouxtano Farm in Hillsborough, North Carolina
- Sterling Hill Stables in New Tripoli, Pennsylvania
- Tex-Over Farms in Conroe, Texas
- The Tempel Lipizzans in Old Mill Creek, Illinois
- Yellow Wood Dressage at Riveredge in Chesapeake City, Maryland

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### Horsemanship 101: Track Your Horse's Health by Debbie Stephens

[Published in Practical Horseman](#)

*Good horsemanship is about knowing your horse inside and out. The more information you can gather and analyze about his health and well-being, the earlier you can identify and solve problems.*

Keeping a record book is one of the most powerful tools for getting to know your horse inside and out. Sometimes the tiniest details, such as a minor cough or thrown shoe, can lead to major changes in his performance. We all think we'll remember these details later, but we usually don't—especially if the cause and effect span a long period of time. With good records to look back on, you'll be surprised at how much you learn about your horse.

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### Training with Cliff Schadt Jr by Hannah Irons

It was a privilege to work with Cliff Schadt Jr a few times this year. His wisdom was so helpful getting the 3-year-olds started under saddle and I have gained tools that will benefit horses of all stages in their training.

Thank you Dressage 4 Kids for providing the Training 4 Teaching scholarship, I am so inspired to share what I have learned and continue my passion for working with young horses. It was so inspiring to see that regardless of the discipline, good horsemanship is

good horsemanship. If we can learn to better understand horses; their natural instincts and their learning patterns, we can become better trainers. Here are a few notes:

Do less more often. For example, if your horse is difficult on the trailer, even having them stand on the ramp a few minutes a day is better than waiting till the day of a show.

You must reward the try, not just the end result. Ask for 1 step or one question at a time. Otherwise, you may miss the right moment to release the pressure and reward.

With young horses bucking or bolting often comes from not knowing where their feet are. That scares them, feeling unbalanced goes against a flight animals instinct.

Horses have to learn to deal with a little bit of pressure. Sometimes you have to push things to the edge to see what is in there and get it out. Otherwise, horse will not learn how to manage themselves in new or stressful situations.

The worst thing you can do is tip toe around young horses when backing them or working on the ground in attempt to not scare them. The horse sees your tentative stalking energy as that of a predator.

If you fix it on the ground it will be fixed under saddle. Groundwork doesn't just benefit young and problem horses. Every horse should learn to respect their handler's space, yield to pressure on the halter and bit, and easily move their shoulders and haunches from the ground to name a few.

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## Great Holiday Gifts for Your Dressage4Kids Rider!

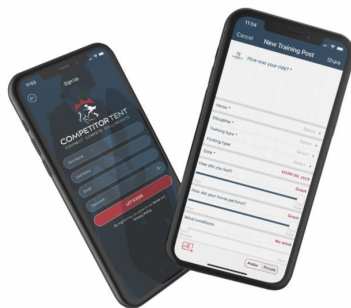
There are many online options to help you further your education and partnership with your horse. Below are three great opportunities for Dressage4Kids participants, from:

- Competitor Tent
- Ridely
- Team Tate Academy

Scroll down to learn more and check them out today!

### Competitor Tent App

Competitor Tent offers features that allow riders to set goals, journal about their training activities, measure outcomes via results (overall scores and movement by movement marks), and reflect on progress - all in the app. Each post has personalized settings to allow journaling posts to be private or shared with riders' friends in the app to promote collaboration and best practices. Competitor Tent isn't just for competitors either - it's also for the support system behind the competitor as well; parents, friends, trainers, and owners. Visit <https://apps.apple.com/us/app/competitor-tent/id1466954851> to download.



Find us in the Apple App Store

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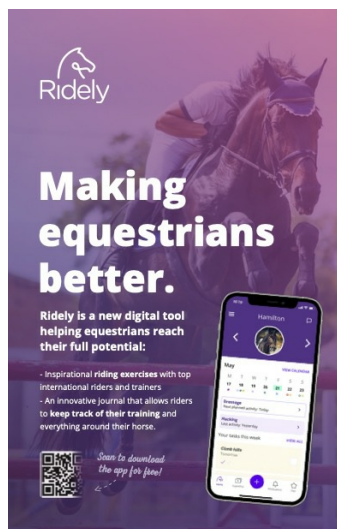
## RIDELY: Your Digital Solution for Training, Tracking and Goal Setting

Ridely is the world's leading equestrian training app that educates riders and helps them track their progress and reach their goals. Ridely has a searchable 'Netflix-style' video library with over 200 riding exercises from basic to advanced level in various disciplines.

**Ridely's** unique digital journal lets riders plan and track their training along with photos and videos for all their horses, set tasks and goals, and even share a horse's details with a trainer, owner, or co-rider to give the perfect overview. You can set your week, month or year to help achieve your goals!

The Ridely app is available in a Free version and a PRO version. Ridely PRO gives you access to all the amazing features in the app and access to the complete video library - all for less than a carrot a day!

**Ridely is giving all D4K participants a 30% discount to Ridely PRO!** Visit [Ridely.com/pro](https://ridely.com/pro) and use code **D4K30**.



## Join Team Tate Academy

*Team Tate Academy in combination with D4K - a recipe for success! TTA would like to extend special junior pricing for D4K members ages 25 and under: Go to [Team Tate Academy](https://TeamTateAcademy.com) to go to our FREE Small Tour and see for yourself how the Academy can work for you and your trainer, and to take advantage of our special Junior Pricing (ages 25 and under)! Register by December 6th, use code: D4K.*



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## Support Dressage4Kids Today

With the help of supporters like you, Dressage4Kids has designed programs to provide educational and competitive opportunities for youth and adults to further their knowledge and love of the sport.

[Click here to donate today.](#)

*"Thank you for everything you have done for me. You have provided me with so much knowledge and confidence." - D4K Participant*



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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>

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