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## Dressage4Kids Calendar

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

### November

November 3-5, 2023 - D4K TEAM Clinic at Woods Edge Equestrian Center in Spring Hill, Kansas

November 18-19, 2023 - D4K TEAM Clinic at Rocking M Stables in Dallas, Texas

### 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

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## Hosting a TEAM Clinic?

Would you like to host a Dressage4Kids TEAM Clinic? Contact Mary at [d4k.org@gmail.com](mailto:d4k.org@gmail.com).

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## Meet Youth Dressage Festival Competitor

# Claudia Arnold

Claudia Arnold was the Training Level Division U13 Champion of YDF 2023

Q: How many years have you been riding?

Claudia: I started taking lessons when I was 21 months old, so 9 years.

Q: How many years have you competed at YDF?

Claudia: This was my 3rd YDF.

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

Claudia: I love all of the extra fun classes (especially Prix Caprilli) and it's super fun to walk my horse around the property.

Q: What was your reaction when you found out you were the Training Level Division U13 Champion?

Claudia: I was so excited and surprised. We had just had a health scare with my pony and I wasn't sure how we would do.

Q: What are your future riding goals/plans?

Claudia: When I grow up I want to train horses.

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

Claudia: Yes! It's my favorite part of the summer.

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

Claudia: Kona is a 14.1 black 10 year old Arab/German Riding Pony. I was incredibly lucky to be chosen to get her last summer from the D4K Horse Donation Program. She is very sweet and smart and I have learned so much from her. I have also been teaching her to jump.

Q: Are there any funny quirks about your horse?

Claudia: She is very much a princess. She hates the rain, and nose kisses. But loves to be told she's pretty and very much wants you to have conversations about what you are asking her.

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

Claudia: Kona goes crazy for German Muffins!

Q: Does Kona have a favorite class at YDF?

Claudia: She probably likes the trail class best because she can steal hay and carrots.

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

Claudia: Kona really likes the extended trot and collected canter.

Q: What was it like competing on a team?

Claudia: My barn Faith Hill Farm brought a huge team to YDF this summer. I love being with my barn friends. We all support each other so much and have a great time together. Anytime someone has a problem or a test that didn't go the way they want there are so many people there to pick you back up. When my pony got sick my teammates helped me through it. They offered me catch rides on their horses, hugs and lots of support. I love being a part of this team.

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

Claudia: I'd like to thank my parents for everything they do to support my riding, my coach Pam Maloof who has been teaching me dressage for the past 3 years and who pushed me to apply for the D4K Horse Donation Program where I got Kona, and of course Lendon Gray with whom I have been lucky enough to have attended TEAM clinics (and I can't wait to do more) and without her all of this wouldn't even be possible. I'd also like to say thank you to everyone who works at D4K for this amazing program that provides so many opportunities for kids who want to learn dressage.



Claudia Arnold and Kona

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## 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>



# Hayley Baker

"I learned so much about riding/training, equine nutrition, and how to develop a successful career in this sport during my time with Lendon. WIT is an amazing experience, and I can't recommend it enough to young riders wanting to further their education!"

WIT Participant 2019



"I can honestly tell you it was one of the greatest experiences I've had as a rider. Being a part of the WIT program provided me with experiences I would have never had otherwise, and allowed me the opportunity to work with multiple top industry professionals. WIT is also how I met my very best friend that I probably never would have crossed paths with if we hadn't both been participants in the program." - Hayley Baker

## Thank you!

We're blown away when we see young riders helping other young riders... many thanks to Viviana Selner, Sofia Selner, Maci Remington, Ellissa Gaines, and Izzy Gaines for organizing a bake sale to benefit the Dressage4Kids Scholarship Program!



# Dressage4Kids Sponsored the NEDA Symposium with Kyra Kyrklund

Dressage4Kids was a proud sponsor of the 2023 NEDA Symposium, headlined by Olympian Kyra Kyrklund.

Lendon Gray writes, "Kyra became one of my idols when I watched her train before the 1988 Olympics and the 1991 World Cup. Her training of Matador was so calm and sympathetic. To ride in the same area with her was an honor. And to again watch her teach with such a strong emphasis on the basics was inspiration."

Dressage4Kids TEAM Member Finley Peterson also received a D4K scholarship to attend the Symposium. To read her notes, go to <https://dressage4kids.org/scholarships/scholarship-reports.html> and click the link "Finley Peterson - NEDA Symposium with Kyra Kyrklund."

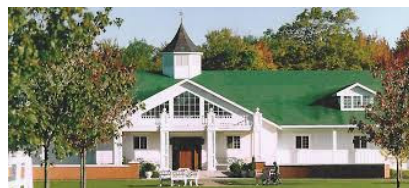


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## D4K Summer Intensive Training Program

Dressage4Kids has been invited to hold the D4K Summer Intensive Training Program (SIT) at Hampton Green Farm in Fruitport, Michigan in July 2024. Email Lendon at [graydressage@gmail.com](mailto:graydressage@gmail.com) if you're interested.

Hampton Green Farm may also have layover stalls available for those looking to stable between NAYC and the Festival of Champions. Contact Lendon for more details.



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## Congratulations to Payton Anderson

Payton Anderson is a Dressage4Kids TEAM member and recipient of a USEF Higher Education Equestrian Scholarship.

[Read the full press release here.](#)

## US Pony Club Convention

January 24-28, 2024

Peppermill Reno Resort in Reno, Nevada

For more info go to: <https://www.ponyclub.org/Events/Convention/>

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## USDF Regional Coordinators

Each USDF Region has a Regional Coordinator who may or may not also serve as the Chef d'Equipe for NAYC. If you have any questions about NAYC and/or youth opportunities in your region, reach out to your Regional Coordinator!

Region 1

[Deborah DelGiorno](#)

Region 2

[Roz Kinstler](#)

Region 3

[Elizabeth Molloy](#)

Region 4

[Nancy Gorton](#)

Region 5

[Joan Clay](#)

Region 6

[Nicki Grandia](#)

Region 7

[Ann Boehning](#)

Region 8

[Bobbi Carleton](#)

Region 9

[Marsha Lewis](#)

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## The Dressage Foundation Grant Application Deadlines

November 1

Para-Equestrian Dressage Fund

November 15

Oregon Dressage Society Linda S. Acheson Fund

For more information about The Dressage Foundation, go to

<https://www.dressagefoundation.org/>.



## The Dressage Foundation's 2023 Grant Calendar

Visit [www.dressagefoundation.org](http://www.dressagefoundation.org) for up-to-date guidelines and due dates.  
*Dates and information are subject to change.*

### **February**

FEBRUARY 1

*Maryl and Charlie Barnett  
Continuing Education for Inst. Fund*

FEBRUARY 10

*Carolyn Van Cise Fund for MI Youth  
and Young Adults*

FEBRUARY 15

*Karen Skvarla Fund for Young  
Professionals*

### **March**

MARCH 1

*Evie Tumlín Fund for Region 9 Adult  
Amateurs*

*Lloyd Landkamer Show Management  
Development Fund*

*Veronica Holt Dressage Technical  
Delegate Fund*

MARCH 15

*Shannon Foundation Fund for Judges  
Licensing*

MARCH 25

*Trip Harting Fund for Pony Club  
Members*

### **April**

APRIL 10

*Jane Savoie Fund for Amateurs*

### **May**

MAY 15

*Military Grant Fund*

### **June**

JUNE 1

*George Williams Fund for Young  
Professionals*

*Veronica Holt Fund for Dressage  
Technical Delegates (if not awarded  
in March)*

JUNE 30

*\$25,000 Debbie McDonald Fund for  
FEI Riders*

### **July**

JULY 1

*Maryl and Charlie Barnett Continu-  
ing Education for Instructors Fund*

JULY 15

*Team Tate Mentorship and  
Leadership Fund*

JULY 20

*Lynn Palm Western Dressage  
Individual Fund*

### **August**

AUGUST 1

*Region 9 Teaching Excellence Award*

AUGUST 15

*\$25,000 Anne Ramsay Grant for U.S.  
Bred Horses*

AUGUST 31

*\$25,000 Carol Lavell Advanced  
Dressage Prize*

### **September**

SEPTEMBER 1

*Cynthia Aspdén Youth and Young  
Adult Development Fund*

SEPTEMBER 10

*Verne Batchelder Instructor Fund*

SEPTEMBER 15

*Gifted Fund for Adult Amateurs*

SEPTEMBER 30

*Major Lindgren Instructor Grants*

### **October**

OCTOBER 7

*Young Rider Dream Program*

OCTOBER 15

*Amanda Johnson Freestyle Fund*

### **November**

NOVEMBER 1

*Para-Equestrian Dressage Fund*

NOVEMBER 15

*Oregon Dressage Society's Linda  
Acheson Education Fund*

### **Grants for Educational Events**

90 DAYS PRIOR TO EVENT

Dancing Horse Fund

Dreitzler International Clinician Fund

Edgar Hotz Judges Fund

Lynn Palm Western Dressage Fund

Max Gahwyler Instructor Fund

Michael Poulin Dressage Fund

Sally Swift Memorial Fund

Violet M. Hopkins Fund

**Questions?** We recommend starting your application early and contacting us at (402) 434-8585 or [Info@dressagefoundation.org](mailto:Info@dressagefoundation.org) if you have questions.



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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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