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Dressage4Kids Calendar

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

March

D4K Winter Intensive Training Program at Top Meadow Farms in Wellington, Florida - visitors welcome, contact Lendon Gray at graydressage@gmail.com

March 11 - D4K UP with Ann Guptill: The Pyramid of Training (via Zoom)

March 18 - D4K UP: Intro to the Revamped USDF Instructor/Trainer Development Program (via Zoom)

March 25 - D4K UP with Dr. Heather Beach: Equine Tendons and Ligaments (via Zoom)

April

April 6-7 - D4K TEAM Clinic at Flow Equestrian Center in Chagrin Falls, Ohio

April 13 - D4K UP at Tufts Equine Center in North Grafton, Massachusetts

April 13-14 - D4K TEAM Clinic at Mills Farm in Opelousas, Louisiana

April 14 - D4K Benefit Show at the Bucks County Horse Park in Ottsville, Pennsylvania

April 20-21 - D4K TEAM Clinic with Jodie Kelly at Noble Steed in Canton, Georgia

April 22 - D4K USDF Taste of the L Education Program Remote Workshop Part 1

April 27-28 - D4K TEAM Clinic at Highclere Farms in Burlington, North Carolina

D4K UP at Tufts Equine Center

Dressage4Kids and Cummings School of Veterinary Medicine at Tufts University are pleased to present a special Open House with lectures, presentations, and hands-on

activities.

When: Saturday, April 13th

Where: Cummings School of Veterinary Medicine at Tufts University

All are invited. For more information, including how to register, go to:

<https://dressage4kids.org/programs/d4k-unmounted-programs/d4k-up-at-tufts-equine-center-april-13-2024.html>



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8:00am – 4:00pm

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Dressage4Kids
and
**Cummings School of Veterinary
Medicine at Tufts University**

Early bird discount until
February 29th

Register in advance at
www.dressage4kids.org



CUMMINGS SCHOOL OF VETERINARY MEDICINE
AT TUFTS UNIVERSITY

D4K Summer Intensive Training Program (SIT)

Where: Hampton Green Farm in Fruitport, Michigan

When: July 2024

Dressage4Kids is excited to offer the Summer Intensive Training (SIT) Program to provide an overall educational program for riders under age 26. Participants will have a full schedule of learning that includes fitness, theory, tests, riding lessons, and lectures on many pertinent subjects. We encourage young riders of all levels and ages - some riders may be barely Training Level while others may be schooling Grand Prix.

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

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

Meet Youth Dressage Festival Competitor Ava Danilowicz

Ava Danilowicz was the YDF 2023 First Level Division winner with her horse, Deyo.

Q: How many years have you been riding?

Ava: I have been riding for 10 years.

Q How many years have you competed at YDF?

Ava: This was my second year competing at YDF; I also competed in 2022.

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

My favorite part about YDF was the team aspect. I feel that it adds a fun twist on the competition, and helps you not only think about the impact your scores have on yourself, but also your team. It adds another element of motivation.

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

Ava: I was over the moon! It was extremely rewarding to know that my hard work had paid off, and that I made my team and my trainer proud.

Q: What are your future riding goals/plans?

Ava: Next year I hope to be competing at rated shows at 1st and 2nd level and qualify for regionals. Longer term, I hope to earn my bronze and silver USDF medals.

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

Ava: Absolutely!

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

Ava: The horse I brought to YDF was Deyo, a 17hh Swedish warmblood. He is 16 years old and has shown up to 2nd level. He's a chestnut and rocks an all black outfit.

Q: Are there any funny quirks about your horse?

Ava: He hates moving wheelbarrows! He leaps away at the sight of them.

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

Ava: Gummy bears!

Q: Does your horse have a favorite class at YDF?

Ava: He loves his dressage tests! Once he knows a test, he anticipates and tries to overachieve!

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

Ava: He loves lengthening the trot and canter!

Q: What was it like competing on a team?

Ava: I absolutely loved it. It was rewarding to work together and help your teammates out, whether it's with bathing, learning your test, or studying for the written.

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

Ava: I would love to thank my trainer, Pamela Maloof, for teaching me everything that I know, and being supportive through every challenge we have faced. I would also love to thank my parents for their support in every way. Most importantly, I'd love to thank my team! They are my biggest supporters, and I would be nowhere without them!! Thank you also to everyone who helped and volunteered at YDF, and to Lendon for making it all happen!!!



Ava Danilowicz and Deyo

East Coast Youth Dressage Champion Award and Trainer Award

Dressage4Kids, the Region 1 Youth Dressage Team Challenge, and the Atlanta Youth Festival are proud to announce two inaugural awards: the East Coast Youth Dressage Champion Award and the East Coast Youth Dressage Champion Trainer Award. These awards are in recognition of young equestrians and their trainers who exhibit dedication in the world of dressage.

Stay tuned 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>



Jack LaTorre

"WIT 2018 was one of the most formative experiences in my riding career. Not only did it introduce me to top sport dressage in a way I didn't know possible, the connections and friendships I made through it have changed the trajectory of my life. Before going to WIT I had zero plan to stay within the Equestrian industry, and now I have the opportunity to be able to work with hundreds of riders around the world every single day. WIT opened my eyes to what could be possible."

WIT Participant 2018



In 2021, Jack started Equibody Fitness: an online fitness company geared towards helping riders ride softer, better and pain free. In 2022, he competed Grand Prix on his horse Manny and spent the summer in Germany training with JJ Tate. Jack is currently in Wellington training with JJ and his new mare Sakari, working towards the Prix St George.

Your Favorite School Horse

Do you have a favorite school horse, past or present? Share your photos and a paragraph about why this horse is special. Send the info to Lendon Gray at graydressage@gmail.com.

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/>

Upcoming grant deadlines:

MARCH 15
Shannon Foundation Fund for Judges Licensing

MARCH 25
Trip Harting Fund for Pony Club Members



At the celebration of the 25th Anniversary of Dressage4Kids

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.

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