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Dressage4Kids Calendar

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

Training4Teaching - Monday, January 16th

Monday, January 16th following the Adequan®/USDF FEI Level Trainers Conference

Dressage4Kids Training4Teaching Program

moderator: Lendon Gray

panelists: David Hunt and Henk van Bergen

Embassy Suites
1601 Belvedere Road
West Palm Beach, FL 33404

6:00pm Complimentary Hors d'Oeuvres and Cash Bar

7:00pm Panel Discussion with David Hunt and Henk van Bergen

Registration deadline: January 10th

[Click here to register.](#)

ISO Volunteers

In search of volunteers for the Adequan®/USDF FEI Level Trainers Conference

January 16-17, 2023

High Meadow Farm
Loxahatchee, Florida

Volunteers receive free admission to the event in exchange for volunteering. Contact Lendon Gray at graydressage@gmail.com for more info.

For more information about the event, including how to register (if not volunteering), go to: <https://www.usdf.org/education/other-programs/trainers-conference/index.asp>

Webinar: Our Path to Going Pro

In case you missed it!

The Rising Equestrian Pro & Dressage4Kids present a "behind the scenes" look at the professional journeys of four top professionals in the dressage industry - with Ali Brock, Alexa Derr, Lendon Gray, and Laura Ashley Killian, along with moderator Emily Urban.

[Click here to access the recording.](#)

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Thank you to all the TEAM clinic host facilities!

Many thanks to all the 2022 TEAM clinic host facilities!

[Baughman Ranch](#)
Glendale, Arizona

[Mills Farm](#)
Opelousas, Louisiana

[B&B Farm](#)
Rancho Santa Fe, California

[Queenswood Stables](#)
Navan, Ontario

[Faith Haven Stables](#)
North East, Pennsylvania

[Riding Right Farm](#)
Buskirk, New York

Fasse Farm
Gardiner, New York

[Rolling Ridge Stables](#)
Manor, Texas

[Georgia International Horse Park](#)
Conyers, Georgia

[Saddlebrook Ridge Equestrian Center](#)
Shamong, New Jersey

[Hampton Green Farm](#)
Fruitport, Michigan

[Tempel Lipizzans](#)
Old Mill Creek, Illinois

[Hampton Green Farm at GoldMark Farm](#)
Ocala, Florida

[Tex-Over Farms](#)
Conroe, Texas

Kross Creek Farm
Rhinebeck, New York

[Unlimited Dressage](#)
Alpharetta, Georgia

[Meadowbrook Farm](#)
Naples, Maine

[Yellow Wood Dressage at Riveredge](#)
Chesapeake City, Maryland

[Meadow Lake Sporthorses](#)
Falcon, Colorado

Save the Date!

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Dressage4Kids Youth Dressage Festival

August 10 - 12, 2023

HITS on the Hudson Showgrounds
Saugerties, New York

Stay tuned for more updates!

Dressage4Kids Youth Dressage Festival - Required Reading

Please keep in mind that the FEI age rule applies, which means that as of January 1st, the rider is considered whatever age he/she will reach during that calendar year. For example, if the rider turns 14 anytime during the year 2023, the rider is considered to be 14 for the competition and should read the required reading materials for age 14.

Many thanks to Trafalgar Square Books for offering a discount to Dressage4Kids!

Place your order at <https://www.horseandriderbooks.com> and receive 25% off when you use the code D4K2023 at checkout. Thank you Trafalgar Square Books!

ALL AGES

2023 Lendon's Youth Dressage Festival Prize List (coming soon)

[Rules of Riding with Others in the Ring](#)

And see below for additional requirements

AGES 11 and Under

The Kid's Guide to Horsemanship and Grooming by Cat Hill and Emma Ford

Plus additional online reading to be assigned

AGES 12-15

Dressage Q&A with Janet Foy

Plus additional online reading to be assigned

AGES 16-25

When Two Spines Align: Dressage Dynamics by Beth Baumert

Plus additional online reading to be assigned

<https://dressage4kids.org/d4k-festival/show-info/required-reading.html>

The Kid's Guide to

HORSEMANSHIP AND GROOMING



from
**CAT HILL &
 EMMA FORD**
 of World-Class
 Grooming

— EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW —
 to Care for Horses While Staying Safe and Having Fun
 Featuring Over 700 Instructional Photographs by Mary Patricia Stone



From the FEI/USEF
 Dressage Judge
 Who Brought You
 Dressage for the
 Not-So-Perfect Horse

DRESSAGE Q&A with Janet Foy

Hundreds of Your Questions
 Answered: How to Ride, Train,
 Compete—and Love It!

- Understanding How You and Your Horse Learn
- Overcoming Anxiety and Tension
- Gaining Coordination and "Feel"
- Figuring Out Connection and "Throughness"
- Creating Straightness
- Getting the Importance of the Outside Rein
- Educating Your Seat for Your Level

AND MORE!



Attain Remarkable
 Riding Rapport
 with Your Horse

WHEN TWO SPINES ALIGN: DRESSAGE DYNAMICS

Beth Baumert
 Foreword by Axel Steiner

Dressage4Kids Weekend Equestrian Program - Virtual Educational Series 2023

The Dressage4Kids Weekend Equestrian Program Virtual Educational Series is returning

in 2023!

Stay tuned for more updates!

Working Student Opportunities

Excellent working student opportunities available.

Contact Lendon for more info - graydressage@gmail.com.

Emily Keithley Awarded 2023 Renee Isler Winter Intensive Training Program Scholarship

Dressage4Kids is pleased to announce that Emily Keithley is the recipient of the 2023 Renee Isler D4K Winter Intensive Training Program Scholarship. Thanks to the generosity of Renee Isler, this \$1,000 scholarship is awarded for one rider to attend the Dressage4Kids Winter Intensive Training Program at Hampton Green Farm at GoldMark in Ocala, Florida.

Renee is an amateur Grand Prix rider and has been a big supporter and sponsor of young riders in youth dressage for many years.

Emily is a 16-year-old from Portage, Michigan. Her riding journey started when her father and brother died of suicide. Her mom encouraged her to go to therapy, and she had begged to start riding, so they compromised with equine therapy. Emily knew she was meant to be around horses and soon moved to a lesson barn. In addition to Dressage, Emily has also competed successfully in Hunters and on IEA teams, including attending IEA Nationals in 2021 and 2022.

Laura Tomion Comerford writes, "Emily is such a hard worker; you won't find her sitting still, she's always finding something else that can be done to keep the farm tidy and clean. She absorbs information like a sponge. Emily is such a talented rider with a bright future!"

To help defray her costs in hopes of following her dream to attend the D4K WIT Program, Emily spent the summer working - braiding for other people, grooming, exercising horses, bathing, clipping, and chipping in whenever someone needed something. She also hosted a fundraiser horse show at her stable that was a fun way to bring everyone together while also fundraising.

Upon learning that she was awarded the scholarship, Emily says, "This scholarship is filling me with gratitude. I'm so grateful to be chosen and ecstatic for the education I'll receive as part of the D4K WIT Program, as well as the bonds I will make with fellow riders."

Emily will bring her D4K Donated Horse, Dino, to the WIT Program. Emily writes, "Dino is absolutely the sweetest horse and I'm just so grateful that I was given the opportunity to have such an amazing horse. Dino and I will be working towards 3rd Level and the FEI Junior Tests. I would like riders that feel discouraged or like they can never get on top due to the costs to know that they can. It is achievable. I never could have dreamed of the opportunities I'm getting now even a year ago, but I've worked my tail off day and night because I want it. If you have the drive and the motivation it is truly possible."

Many thanks to Renee Isler and all those who have helped make this opportunity possible.



Dressage4Kids Annual Appeal - Thank you!

A big thank you to those of you who have already donated to the Dressage4Kids Annual Appeal!

Did you know?

Dressage4Kids has reached over 900 participants in 2022 alone!

Dressage4Kids Programs include the Scholarship Program, the Summer Intensive Training Program, the TEAM (Training, Education, And Mentoring) Program, Training4Teaching, the Weekend Equestrian Program, the Winter Intensive Training Program, the Youth Dressage Festival, and the Horse Donation Program.

But we can't do it without you. Your generosity is an integral part of the success of Dressage4Kids participants, from youth riders to professionals, trainers, and judges. And, thanks to a generous matching gift from Mrs. Rhonda Cathy, every donation made from now through the end of the year will be matched, dollar for dollar, up to \$40,000!

There's still time to donate! [Click here to make your contribution today.](#)

USEF Dressage Rule Changes

Published in The Chronicle of the Horse

Several rule changes and presidential modifications to the dressage section of the [USEF Rulebook will take place for the 2023](#) competition season, which begins on Dec. 1.

[All updates can be found in the 2023 USEF Rulebook.](#) Among the major updates that take effect Dec. 1 are the following:

- DR120 Dress: Language has been added to clarify that coats and jackets with a discreet stretch/breathable panel in black or the same color as the garment are permitted.
- DR121 Saddlery and Equipment: Brand marks or non-sponsor logos not exceeding 50 square centimeters are permitted on saddle pads.
- DR121 Saddlery and Equipment: The center link in a double-jointed snaffle must be smooth and curved on all surfaces as in a lozenge-shaped link. Dr. Bristol and French link bits are not allowed.

The U.S. Equestrian Federation has extended several COVID-19 related rule modifications for the 2023 competition year. The modifications initially made because of COVID-19 have improved competition operations for management and competitors, the federation said. These presidential modifications, which will be in place from Dec. 1 until standard rule changes for the 2024 competition year can take effect, include:

- **DR121 Saddlery and Equipment:** Language clarifies that equipment checks will be visual for Level 1-3 classes.
- **DR123 Scoring, Classification and Prize-Giving:** Scores may be sent electronically (e.g. via text) to competitors or posted online. If scoresheets are only made available after the competition day by electronic methods, management must extend the deadline for reporting of mathematical errors to 24 hours from time of distribution. Scores will be corrected but class placements will not change.
- **DR126 Requirements for Dressage Competition Management:** The time schedule must be posted in an electronic format or in an area where social distancing can be adhered to. The method to be utilized for posting the time schedule must be printed in the prize list.

The full list of presidential modifications can be found [here](#).

Virginia Tech Equestrian Helmet Ratings

<https://www.helmet.beam.vt.edu/equestrian-helmet-ratings.html>

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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