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Dear Dressage 4kids,

Thank you so much for supporting me at this clinic at Rancho Santa Fe in Bloomington, Michigan. I learned a lot from not only my lesson but my peers' lessons as well. I am very thankful for your willingness to provide support for the education of not just me, but also my peers.

During my lesson with Lendon she helped me fix some old habits including but not limited to my hands, feet and grip on the reins. I know that correcting these small areas will make a big difference in my riding. Lendon suggested that I bring my feet away from my horse's body to be able to control his movements with less busy feet. She told me that I needed to work on keeping my hands closer together and my thumbs on the reins. Lendon said that having my hands closer together will help control my bending as well as turning. Closer hands will also make it easier when I need collected reins and long reins.

While observing others' lessons I heard Lendon tell another rider how important it is to stay calm while riding and that using your voice is a better transitional tool than using your hands on the bit. You should be able to feel the horse politely taking the bit. During another lesson, I learned some techniques to help with a horse who refuses to halt.

This clinic is the 4th year that I have had the opportunity to work with Lendon and I have enjoyed each year and learned so much. I appreciate the support that D4K gives to young riders who may not be able to afford it on their own.

Sincerely,

Maci Remington



