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## Dressage4Kids Calendar

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

### January

January 19 D4K WIT Reunion in Wellington, Florida

January 20 D4K Training4Teaching Panel Discussion with Ali Brock, Robert Dover, Janet Foy, and Tuny Page at the Wellington National Golf Club in Wellington, Florida

January 27 D4K UP (Zoom) with Dr. Vanessa Yang "Seeing is Believing: Insights into the Equine Eye"

### February

February 2 D4K Training4Teaching with Theresa Davidson "Teaching the *What* with a Different *How*" at the Wellington Community High School in Wellington, Florida

February 10 D4K UP (Zoom) with Dr. Alison Arnold "Mental Toughness Dressage: The Mind-Body-Horse Connection"

February 16 D4K Training4Teaching with Laura King "Reboot Teaching Skills for Equestrian Trainers" at the Wellington Community High School in Wellington, Florida

February 24 D4K UP (Zoom) with Dr. Heather Beach "The Road to Recovery: Rehab and Reconditioning for Your Horse After Time Off"

### March

March 9 D4K Training4Teaching with Ali Brock at the Wellington Community High School in Wellington, Florida

March 10 D4K UP (Zoom) with Barbara Richardson, Attorney

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# D4K Training4Teaching Panel Discussion January 20th

Join Dressage4Kids on Monday, January 20th in Wellington, Florida following the Adequan®/USDF FEI Level Trainers Conference as we welcome panelists as part of the Dressage4Kids Training4Teaching Program! All are welcome to attend.

"From an Instructor's Perspective: The Current State of Affairs, Ethics, and Social License" with panelists Ali Brock, Robert Dover, Janet Foy, and Tuny Page, and moderator Lendon Gray

Date: January 20, 2025

Time: 6:00pm Complimentary Hors d'Oeuvres and Cash Bar (cash or credit card) followed by 7:00pm Panel Discussion

Where: Wellington National Golf Club, 400 Binks Forest Dr, Wellington, Florida

All are welcome to attend.

Registration in advance is required. Register today at

<https://dressage4kids.org/programs/d4k-training4teaching/training4teaching-january-20-2025.html>



**Please Join Us  
in Wellington**

**Monday  
January 20, 2025**

**"From an Instructor's Perspective: The Current  
State of Affairs, Ethics, and Social License"**

**Complimentary Dressage4Kids  
Training4Teaching  
Educational Event**

**6:00 p.m. Complimentary Hors d'Oeuvres and Cash Bar**

**7:00 p.m. Panel Discussion with:**

**Ali Brock**

**Janet Foy**

**Robert Dover**

**Tuny Page**

**Moderated by Lendon Gray**

**Wellington National Golf Club  
400 Binks Forest Drive, Wellington, Florida**

**FREE TO ATTEND!**

**Please register here**  
by January 13, 2025.



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## D4K UP (Unmounted Programs) Zooms Start January 27

Join Dressage4Kids for our D4K UP Zooms. Open to all!

When:

Monday, January 27th at 7:30pm EST via Zoom

- Moderator: Lendon Gray
- *Presentation with Dr. Vanessa Yang "Seeing is Believing: Insights into the Equine Eye"*

Monday, February 10th at 7:30pm EST via Zoom

- Moderator: Lendon Gray
- *Presentation with Dr. Alison Arnold "Mental Toughness in Dressage: The Mind-Body-Horse Connection"*

Monday, February 24th at 7:30pm EST via Zoom

- Moderator: Lendon Gray
- *Presentation with Dr. Heather Beach "The Road to Recovery: Rehab and Reconditioning for Your Horse After Time Off"*

Monday, March 10th at 7:30pm EDT via Zoom

- Moderator: Lendon Gray
- *Presentation with Barbara Richardson, Attorney*

All are welcome to attend.

To register for 2025, go to: <https://dressage4kids.org/programs/d4k-unmounted-programs/d4k-up-virtual-educational-series-2025.html>

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## D4K Training4Teaching Classroom Continues February 2nd

Join Dressage4Kids for Training4Teaching Classroom Seminars. Open to all!

When:

Sunday, February 2nd 6:00-8:00pm with Theresa Davidson "Teaching the *What* with a Different *How*"

Sunday, February 16th 6:00-8:00pm with Laura King "Reboot Teaching Skills for Equestrian Trainers"

Sunday, March 9th 6:00-8:00pm with Ali Brock

Location:

Wellington Community High School, 2101 Greenview Shores Blvd, Wellington, Florida

All are welcome to attend.

To register for 2025, go to: <https://dressage4kids.org/programs/d4k-training4teaching/training4teaching-classroom-seminar-series-january-march-2025.html>



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## D4K ACT Program Application Available

Advocacy, Community, and Team

The Dressage4Kids' ACT (Advocacy, Community, Team) program, supported by The Dressage Foundation, is a unique new opportunity for youth dressage riders to give back to the various equestrian communities.

To learn more about the ACT Program, including how to apply, go to:

<https://dressage4kids.org/programs/act-program.html>



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## Meet Youth Dressage Festival Competitor C.C. Arnold

Claudia "C.C." Arnold was the Training Level Division Ages 14 and Under champion with her horse, Pudge.

Q: How many years have you competed at Lendon's Youth Dressage Festival?

Claudia: This was my 4th year.

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

Claudia: My favorite part this year was getting to be Lendon's assistant now that I am finally old enough!

Q: What was your reaction when you found out you were the Overall Champion?

Claudia: I couldn't believe it! I am so proud of my pony and how far she has come.

Q: What are your future riding goals/plans?

Claudia: I want to continue my training in both dressage and jumpers, and move up in the levels. Eventually I want to train young horses.

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

Claudia: I hope so! It is one of my favorite parts of summer.

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

Claudia: My pony's name is Pudge. Even though I've had her for 5 years I kind of stopped riding her after walk trot and she became my sister's walk trot pony. This winter I decided to continue her training and this spring and summer we started to show successfully in jumpers and dressage. She is such a hard worker and so sweet. Her favorite thing in the world to do is eat.

Q: Are there any funny quirks about your horse?

Claudia: She is very food motivated, she also loves to go fast and is very brave. She goes crazy to have the underneath part of her neck scratched. She LOVES massages.

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

Claudia: She loves watermelon, banana bread, and Mrs. Pastures Cookies.

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

Claudia: Pudge loves to jump so I'd say the prix caprilli is her favorite.

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

Claudia: Leg yields, she's very good at them.

Q: What was your team like this year? Any favorite team moments?

Claudia: Coming with Faith Hill Farm is always a great experience, we always help each other out and have lots of fun and laughs. I just love the way we all work together and support one another.

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

Claudia: I would like to thank everyone at Dressage4Kids for making this event happen. I have also met so many amazing people through the D4K program and am very grateful for the opportunities it has provided. I would like to thank my trainer, Pam Maloof, for all of her help and support getting my pony and I ready for this show season. I'd also like to thank my mom for always helping me with my ponies and also coaching me and encouraging me to always work harder.



# D4K American Connemara Pony Society Scholarship

Exciting News for Connemara Pony Enthusiasts!

Dressage4Kids is thrilled to announce the American Connemara Pony Society Scholarship, generously sponsored by the American Connemara Pony Society.

This incredible opportunity provides financial support to eligible riders ages 25 and under who are ACPS members and ride a registered Connemara pony.

As Linda Haines, ACPS Junior Scholarship Committee Chair, shares: "Connemaras are such a versatile breed, and they can excel in dressage. The D4K/ACPS Scholarship will empower juniors and young riders to explore dressage as part of their ongoing riding education. It's a chance to hone their skills, fuel their passion, and advance their riding education. We are thrilled to partner with Dressage4Kids to make this opportunity available."

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

<https://dressage4kids.org/scholarships/connemara-scholarship.html>



Pictured: Mica Mabragaña and the Connemara stallion Ballywhim Ardan Mor, affectionately known as Danny, competing in the FEI Young Riders Division in 2006. Mica has since become a Grand Prix rider and trainer. ( Note: this photo was taken before the widespread use of helmets in equestrian sports. We strongly encourage and advocate for the use of safety helmets at all times while riding, in accordance with current safety standards.)

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## Florida International Youth Dressage Championships

Dates: March 5-9, 2025

Location: World Equestrian Center, Ocala, Florida

Keep an eye out for updates on the Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/FloridaYouthChampionships>

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## TDF's Dream Program Applications due January 15

The Dressage Foundation's Dream Program is returning to CHIO Aachen!

CHIO Aachen, often referred to as the "Wimbledon of Equestrian Sports," is renowned for its exceptional competition and world-class riders. In 2025, a select group of young riders will travel to Aachen, where they will:

- **Observe Top-Level Competition:** Witness the world's best dressage riders and horses as they compete at the highest level. This experience will provide invaluable education into what it takes to excel in high-performance dressage.
- **Network with Industry Leaders:** Connect with influential figures in the dressage community, from seasoned professionals to fellow young riders from around the globe. Building these relationships can open doors to future opportunities and collaborations.

Applications are due by January 15.

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

<https://www.dressagefoundation.org/grants-and-programs/apply/young/dream.html>

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## 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/>

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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.

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