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Dressage4Kids Calendar

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

January

January 2 D4K Winter Intensive Training Program Begins at Top Meadow Farm in Wellington, Florida (continues through March 28th, visitors are welcome, contact Lendon for more info)

January 5 D4K Training4Teaching at The Media Room at Wellington Community High School in Wellington, Florida

January 19 D4K WIT Reunion in Wellington, Florida

January 20 D4K Training4Teaching Panel Discussion at the Wellington National Golf Club in Wellington, Florida

February

February 2 D4K Training4Teaching Panel Discussion at The Media Room at Wellington Community High School in Wellington, Florida

February 16 D4K Training4Teaching Panel Discussion at The Media Room at Wellington Community High School in Wellington, Florida

Thank you to D4K Speakers!

Thank you to all the guest instructors and speakers who generously donated their time to the D4K TEAM Program in 2024!

Lisa Alexander
Jenna Arnold

Lorraine Fontana
Lilo Fore

Elena Moffit
Natasha Moffit

Brandy Arotin
Matt Ashbrook
Madeline Baer
Karen Bates
Cassidy Bedard
Beth Beukema
Jacqueline Boonekamp
Michael Bragdell
Ali Brock
Tracy Browne
Jennifer Burts
Rachel Chowanec-Kaney
Mark Christman
Christina Coxe
Kim Davies
Kevin Davis
Debbie DelGiorno
Nicole DelGiorno
Rachel Devick
Natalie DiBerardinis
Jackie Ericksen
Shelly Facto
Jessica Fan
Jackie Finlayson

Nina Fortier
Margaret Freeman
Sarah Freeman
Dr. Ashley Garver
Kathy Gauthier
Dr. Brynne Gingras
Marsha Hartford-Sapp
Larry Hume
Jane Karol
Jodie Kelly
Dr. John Langlois
Marsha Lewis
Maria Lithander
Dr. Caitrin Lowndes
Mica Mabragaña
Sloane Macomber
Mallory Macomber
Thais Macoy
Dr. Malone
Sabine Mass
Liv Massotti
Ida Mattisson
Hollie McNeil
Ben McWhorter
Dr. Jennifer Melcher

Liz Molloy
Debbie Morrison
Noel Mullenbacher
Seth Noble
Jason Oweston
Dr. Peckham
Dylan Perez
Dr. Kara Pietroski
Kara Pomeroy
Christine Potacki
Lorin Price
April Rota
Kori Schexnayder
Trisha Schreiber
Sophia Schults
Dr. Patti Seebach
Lara Sloan
Dr. Tyler Sweeney
Allyssia Timberlake
Stephanie Wheeler
Jennifer Williams
Josie Wolf
Deborah Young
NCDCTA
Region 3 Juniors

Interested in the TEAM Program?

Are you interested in participating in the D4K TEAM Program? Do you know someone who would like to host a clinic? For more info contact Mary at d4k.org@gmail.com.

D4K Training4Teaching Classroom Series Kicks Off January 5th

Join Dressage4Kids for Training4Teaching Classroom Seminars. Open to all!

When:

Sunday, January 5th 6:00-8:00pm with panelists Debbie McDonald, Olivia LaGoy-Weltz and JJ Tate

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:

The Media Room, 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>



D4K WIT Reunion January 19th

Stay tuned for more details!



Save the Date WIT Reunion 2025

**WIT Alumni in Florida...
Dressage4Kids Annual WIT Reunion**



Sunday, January 19, 2025
(Wellington, FL)



Watch Facebook for more details coming soon.

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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Meet Youth Dressage Festival Competitor Ivy Bartlett

Ivy Bartlett was the Walk Trot Division Ages 11 and Under Champion with her horse, Shy.

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

Ivy: Two.

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

Ivy: My favorite part about YDF this year was the written test.

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

Ivy: I was very surprised!

Q: What are your future riding goals/plans?

Ivy: I would like to continue dressage and work on vaulting.

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

Ivy: Yes!

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

Ivy: My horse does not have the most dressage experience and I hope this show was a good way for her to learn more.

Q: Are there any funny quirks about your horse?

Ivy: She is afraid of plastic bags.

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

Ivy: Carrots.

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

Ivy: She likes them all.

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

Ivy: Free walk.

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

Ivy: My team consists of six girls who work well together and love to laugh. My favorite moment was when my teammates performed the quadrille and everything seemed to go wrong but it was funny to watch and we all ended up laughing our heads off.

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

Ivy: Thank you to my family, trainer, and teammates!



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>



Phoebe Keliher

"D4K and WIT provide critical support for those who want to reach their dressage goals. In D4K and in WIT hard work is seen and rewarded with opportunities, regardless of how fancy your horse is. Having been a part of D4K for many years, their programs helped set me up to succeed in WIT and take advantage of all opportunities that came available to me."

WIT Participant 2022



Phoebe is a working student for Ali Brock in Wellington.

Announcing the new D4K ACT Program

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.

D4K ACT will organize and assist dressage riders under the age of 25 to volunteer at competitions, fundraising events, rescue facilities, therapeutic riding facilities, and more. The program will raise awareness of needs in the equestrian community, teach youth dressage riders the value of volunteer activities, and build and strengthen the bonds among youth dressage riders. ACT will build upon the strong foundation of Dressage4Kids created by Lendon Gray.

The program was developed in 2024 by Ben McWhorter, a 15-year-old equestrian from Louisiana, with the goal of building a meaningful and fun volunteer network with his fellow riders across the country.

Anyone interested in participating in the ACT program in any way, please contact bennettmcwhorter@gmail.com and graydressage@gmail.com.

Thank you to The Dressage Foundation's Michael Poulin Fund for their support!

Stay tuned for further details at <https://dressage4kids.org/programs/act-program.html>

There's Still Time to Donate!

We need your help!

Dressage4Kids believes in making our programs accessible to all. From offering discounts to providing free opportunities whenever possible, we are committed to breaking down barriers for all equestrians interested in furthering their education. But this commitment comes with a challenge - a funding gap.

Your support is vital to ensure the continuation of our programs that educate and develop the next generation of riders, trainers, judges, and mentors.

Every contribution, no matter the size, makes a difference. Join us in strengthening the sport of dressage, and donate today.

[Click here to donate](#)

Or mail a check, payable to Dressage4Kids, to Fern Feldman, 890 Mountain Road, Cheshire, CT 06410.

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/>

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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