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Dressage4Kids Calendar

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

October

October 5-6 D4K TEAM Clinic with Maria Lithander at Euphoria Stables in Starke, Florida

October 12 D4K Training4Teaching hosted by Chatham Equestrian and ENYDCTA

October 19 D4K UP Meet & Greet with Gareth Hughes during the NEDA Symposium at Mount Holyoke College Equestrian Center in South Hadley, Massachusetts

November

November 2-3 D4K TEAM Clinic at Faith Haven Stables in North East, Pennsylvania

November 16-17 D4K TEAM Clinic with Lilo Fore at Twinwood Equestrian Center in Fulshear, Texas

December

December 7-8 D4K TEAM Clinic at Mills Farm in Opelousas, Louisiana

December 14-15 D4K TEAM Clinic at The Dressage Academy at Synergy Stables in Colts Neck, NJ

January

January 2 D4K Winter Intensive Training Program Begins - one spot is available

Atlanta Youth Festival Results

Overall High Point: Addison Harris

Overall High Point Ages 12 & Under: Austin Hermann

Highest Written Test Score: Maya Daniel

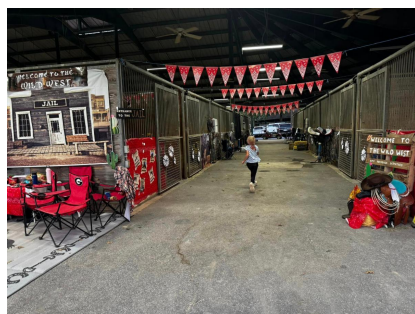
Highest Dressage Test Score: Evie Jordan

Highest Equitation Score: Lauren Polk

Turnout Inspection Champion: Maya Daniel

Stall Decorating Champions: MPC Dressage Deputies

For a full list of results, go to: <https://dressage4kids.org/d4k-festival/festival-news-results/atlanta-youth-festival-results-2024.html>





Corinne Gray Award Winner Liz Molloy

Congratulations to Elizabeth Molloy, recipient of the Corinne F. Gray Memorial Award. The Award is given in honor of a woman who spent her life trying to help children and adults alike enjoy all aspects of horse care, competition, and companionship.

Liz is the owner of Taramia Riding School and United States Pony Club Riding Center where she has been teaching since 2004. Five of her students qualified for USPC Championships this summer in Games and Quiz, winning Silver and Bronze medals; two of her students qualified for USDF Region 3 Regional Championships this September. She joined the Georgia Dressage and Combined Training Association Board in 2012 to bring Lendon Gray's Dressage4Kids Atlanta Youth Festival to Georgia and she just hosted the 11th Annual Atlanta Youth Festival and TEAM (Training, Education, And Mentoring) clinic. Atlanta is the only TEAM clinic in the country with a Festival, and boasts that we are the largest clinic in the country for Dressage4Kids. Liz also brought the GDCTA Recognized Letterman Program into fruition, which in 2019 celebrated its highest number of jackets and new patches earned and which continues to grow. She also created the GDCTA Schooling Show Dressage Seat Medal Program which mirrors the USDF National DSE program. Since 2015, she is the North American Youth Championships Region 3 Program Coordinator and Chef d'Equipe, bringing in 6 gold and 1 silver medals for Young Riders and Junior teams in 2024. Her passion is to bring awareness to the FEI Children's Test and Liz is looking forward to hosting the Region 3 Youth Clinic with George Williams in November

Many thanks to Liz for her dedication to Dressage!



Meet Youth Dressage Festival Competitor Sofia Taveras

Sofia Taveras was the Overall Reserve Champion and was also the winner of the Walk/Trot/Canter Division Ages 11 and Under.

Q: What was your first year at Lendon's Youth Dressage Festival like?

Sofia: It was super fun. I met a lot of nice people. I wasn't sure what it was going to be like before I went, but Ms. Lendon told me it was going to be fun. Boy was she right!

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

Sofia: I got to meet a lot of nice people.

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

Sofia: I was very surprised and excited. I was very proud of my Bubba (Mr. Boombastic) for being such a good boy.

Q: What are your future riding goals/plans?

Sofia: I am going to do my first combined eventing show with Bubba this month; train my new baby Westfalen horse, Sunny; learn how to work with Teddy (Lipizzaner) better; and continue to improve my overall riding skills. When I'm bigger I want to represent the USA in the Olympics and then be a professional horse trainer.

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

Sofia: Yes! I am going to bug my mom non-stop until she gives in and takes me next year!

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

Sofia: They are all super special! They are my besties.

Bubba aka Mr. Boombastic - two years ago he said he prefers not to turn, canter, or do anything except give me hugs and eat treats. He's my sister's Norwegian Fjord but I kind of borrowed him for a very long time... like forever. Bubba and I went from barely trotting to winning the green pony hunter division in our local shows, even though everyone

laughed at him at the beginning saying he'd never be successful in the hunter ring because of his short fat neck. We proved them wrong! I always thought he had a little bit in him for dressage, so we tried it. Wow, he's pretty good at it. On our trip to SIT (D4K Summer Intensive Training Program), we also got to swim together for the first time. Bubba is the cutest and means the world to me.

Teddy aka Teddy Bear - he is my grandma's horse. He is a Lipizzaner who has been on vacation at grandma's since he was nine years old. He's fast and kind of nervous in his own special way. He's super funny when he jumps. He really likes it, but is super uncoordinated. He loves trail riding and magically is not nervous on trails and is the best. He loves the water. He tries harder than any horse I know, but he has a bit of an attitude. Teddy is special and he teaches me to be a better rider.

Sunny aka Here Comes the Sun - he's our new baby Westfalen horse who was born in January. Sunny is super friendly and fancy. His mom is from Germany. My mom had to leave me with grandma right before YDF to go to his inspections. He got the site champion award. I'm so proud of him. I am excited to learn to train him on everything from a baby. We will learn together. He is going to be my competition horse when we are both bigger.

Q: Are there any funny quirks about your horses?

Bubba eats everything he can find, including my sandwiches and lemon freezes. Then he smiles with everything.

Teddy and Bubba are totally freaked out by cows.

Teddy is scared of garbage bags and doesn't like anyone touching his head unless he decides he wants to.

Q: What's your horses' favorite treats?

Bubba - pup cups from Starbucks

Teddy - bananas

Sunny - right now, his mom's milk. I'll know more later.

Q: Do your horses have a favorite class at YDF?

Sofia: Bubba loves the chance to eat the hay in the trail class and likes to jump in the prix caprilli class. Teddy likes the prix caprilli. He's funny jumping, but he loves it.

Q: What's your horses' favorite dressage movements to perform?

Sofia: Bubba likes leg-yield and halting on the centerline. Teddy likes cantering and turn-on-the-forehand.

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

Sofia: We had the best team. There were different people from different places and everyone worked together super good. My favorite moment was when we all went to the ice cream social together. I think we overloaded the golf cart.

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

Sofia: I hope I can do more D4K events. I really like it a lot. I would like to thank Ms. Lendon for working with me all summer at SIT and encouraging me to go to YDF. There are also a whole bunch of great people who have helped me learn, many of them just stepping in and offering their time. I'm super grateful for them all.

Congratulations, Sofia!



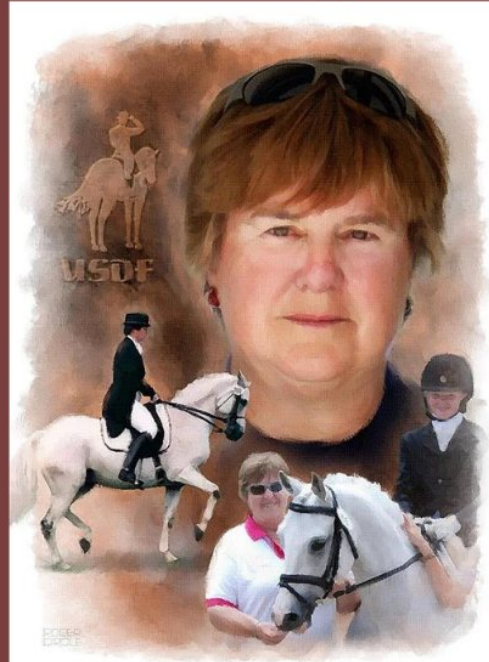
D4K Training4Teaching with Lendon Gray, hosted by Chatham Equestrian and ENYDCTA

D4K Training4Teaching
with Lendon Gray October 12th
For Eventing and Dressage Instructors

For more information, go to: https://www.enydcta.com/event-5766861?fbclid=IwY2xjawFjqhVleHRuA2FlbQIxMAABHfAn8g7MBIi-LZgoGod7nbPOHCLNXAr4g4pJtpO_oW-B31jQI8D7lhWWg_aem_Ys8BaYr8-2ojR7L6N99wgA

Lendon Gray-D4K- Training4Teaching

- Oct 12, 9-5:30
- Instructors Only
- @ Chatham Equestrian
- Includes 2 hour lecture and 1 semi-private ride



D4K Meet & Greet with Gareth Hughes during the Absorbine / NEDA Symposium

Dressage4Kids will host a special youth reception with Gareth Hughes after the last ride on Saturday, October 19th. Come join the fun!

For more information about the NEDA Symposium, go to: <https://neda.org/page/2024Symposium>

For more information about the Dressage4Kids Meet & Greet and Youth Reception, go to: <https://dressage4kids.org/programs/d4k-unmounted-programs/d4k-up-with-gareth-hughes.html>

Calling all Youth Dressage Riders!



Half Price Tickets!

**Absorbine/ NEDA Symposium
with Gareth Hughes**

October 19 & 20, 2024 -

Mount Holyoke College Equestrian Center
South Hadley, MA

Due to the generosity of several
sponsors NEDA can make this
incredible opportunity available
to JR, YR and U -25 riders

Thank you to our youth sponsors:
Berryfield Farm, Iron Horse Dressage,
Beth Ferber and other generous people

A special youth reception with Gareth Hughes
sponsored by **Dressage4 Kids** will be held
after the last ride on Saturday afternoon

Order tickets today:

<https://neda.org/page/2024SymposiumAuditor>

Youth tickets –

Members and non-member:

One day ticket \$80 ■ Two day ticket \$130

Dressage4Kids Winter Intensive Training Program - Rider Spotlight

One spot is available in the upcoming D4K Winter Intensive Training Program.

For more information about the Dressage4Kids Winter Intensive Training Program, go to:
<https://dressage4kids.org/programs/winter-intensive-training-program.html>



Devon Pomeroy

“Lendon’s WIT program was truly a life changing experience. From the daily education on and off the horse, to fun field trips, to meeting my idols, to creating life-long friendships, WIT has opened so many doors for me and I am beyond grateful. I wouldn’t be where I am today without Lendon and the opportunities the WIT program provided me!”

WIT Participant 2020



Devon placed third nationally at Festival of Champions FEI Juniors in 2021 with her D4K horse Cocoa. She currently rides for Field of Dreams and competed her horse, King, who she started, in the 4yo division at Festival of Champions in 2023. Devon enjoys working with young horses and has the incredible opportunity to ride and compete some of the Field of Dreams’ horses. She is currently enrolled at Southern New Hampshire University studying Business Administration with a concentration in Entrepreneurship.

Thank you to Katie Brennan

As we’re celebrating our 25th anniversary, Dressage4Kids would like to recognize the work that Katie Brennan did all those years ago in creating our wonderful logo. Katie was a student of Lendon's and has had 2 daughters who have taken part in D4K events in the past. With her creative talents and ties to D4K, she happily donated her services. We love it to this day!

Contact Katie at Katie@brennanhomedesign.com and visit her website at <https://brennanhomedesign.com>

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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/>

US Equestrian Expands Safe Sport Resources to Junior Competitors and Parents

Links:

General info: <https://www.usef.org/safe-sport>

For Parents: <https://www.usef.org/safe-sport/parents>

For Juniors (under 18): <https://www.usef.org/safe-sport/junior-competitors>

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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