

# 27th Annual D4K Lendon's Youth Dressage Festival

August 7-9, 2026 ~ Horse Park of New Jersey ~ Allentown, New Jersey

## **When & where?**

August 7-9, 2026 at the Horse Park of New Jersey

## **What is it?**

Lendon's Youth Dressage Festival is a one-of-a-kind Championships for individuals and teams – packed with learning, fun, and community.

## **Who can join?**

Riders of all levels (from Leadline to FEI U25, including Para and Western Dressage), ages 4 through 25, & alumni.

## **What's offered?**

### *Individual Division Championships*

Three phases make up your total score:

- Written Test (online during the show, multiple choice, based on assigned reading)
- Dressage Test
- Equitation Class

Classes are grouped by level and rider's age.

### *New for 2026! Horseless Division Championships for those competing without a horse*

Three phases make up your total score:

- Written Test (online during the show, multiple choice, based on assigned reading)
- Judging Sport Horse Conformation
- Judging Dressage

### *Team Championships*

Teams of 3-4 riders (any levels, including Walk/Trot)

The top 3 Individual Division scores make up the team score – no extra rides needed

### *Optional Classes*

Schooling Show • Judging Sport Horse Conformation • Handler Class • Judging Dressage • Quadrille • Leadline • Dressage Trail • Prix Caprilli • Turnout Inspection • Musical Freestyle • Costume Class • Tackroom Decorating Competition • Cover Art Contest

### *Fun Extras*

Scavenger Hunt • Educational Activities • Meet & Greets • Stable Management Challenge • Trainers Forum • Hobby Horse (new!) • Team Trivia (new!) • and more

## **How to enter?**

**Updated April 2026:** Check Entry Requirements at:

<https://dressage4kids.org/d4k-festival/entry-info/entry-form.html>

## **Want more info?**

Keep reading – more details ahead!

Optional informational Zoom for competitors will be scheduled prior to the show

## TENTATIVE SCHEDULE (subject to change)

### Thursday

12:00pm Stabling opens  
12:30pm Show Office opens  
1:00pm Volunteer Booth opens (pick up rider packet from show office first)  
1:00pm Schooling opens (must have bridle number, pick up rider packet from show office first)  
6:30pm Show Office closes; Volunteer Booth closes; Schooling ends

### Friday

7:00am Show Office opens; Volunteer Booth opens; Schooling opens  
8:00am Schooling Show begins  
Optional Classes including Judging Sport Horse Conformation, Handler Class, Quadrille, Friday Prix  
Caprilli Classes and additional activities are also scheduled throughout the day

Tbd Jog, required for those competing at 2nd Level and Above  
4:00pm Final Team Designations due to Show Secretary  
4:30pm Show Office closes; Volunteer Booth closes; Schooling ends  
4:30pm Written Test (online) in the Spectators Pavilion (required for Individual Division Championships)  
4:30pm Trainers & Coaches Forum

### Saturday

7:00am Show Office opens; Volunteer Booth opens; Schooling opens  
7:30am Turnout Inspection begins  
8:00am Dressage Test Classes for the Individual Division Championships Begin  
8:30am Equitation Classes for the Individual Division Championships Begin  
Optional Classes including Saturday Dressage Trail Classes and additional activities are also  
scheduled throughout the day

Tbd Tackroom Decorating Competition  
Tbd Stable Management Challenge  
4:30pm Show Office closes; Volunteer Booth closes; Schooling ends  
4:30pm Demo, Leadline Class, and Costume Class

### Sunday

7:30am Parade of Teams with Team Championship Awards Presented  
8:00am Show Office opens; Volunteer Booth opens; Schooling opens  
8:30am Individual Division Championships Awards Presented  
10:00am Musical Freestyle Classes Begin  
10:30am Sunday Prix Caprilli Classes begin  
10:30am Sunday Dressage Trail Classes begin  
1:00pm Show Office closes; Volunteer Booth closes; Schooling ends

\*Additional activities throughout the show may be announced

## WELCOME

We want this Festival to be for you, and we want it to be fun. If you have any questions about the Prize List or about the Festival, or if there's anything we can do to make your experience even better, please reach out to Mary at [d4k.org@gmail.com](mailto:d4k.org@gmail.com).

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## CODE OF ETHICS

Dressage4Kids (D4K) expects all individuals involved with D4K to uphold this code of ethics. These guiding principles are intended to act as a foundation for a respectful and learning-centered environment and are woven into D4K programs through experience and dialogue.

- ◆ The horse comes first: prioritize the welfare of the horse through thoughtful horsemanship and the humane treatment, care, and respect for the horse.
- ◆ Commit to learning: embrace a growth mindset.
- ◆ Commit to a supportive environment: treat everyone with dignity, kindness, and fairness. Listen with respect and speak with honesty and kindness.
- ◆ Commit to good sportsmanship: reflect the positive values of courage, patience, good temper, humility, and generosity.
- ◆ Act with integrity: be honest, transparent, and responsible. Uphold D4K’s mission, values, and policies.
- ◆ Always strive to do what is right – for the horse and for each other.

## EQUINE WELFARE

Riders (and trainers) are responsible for ensuring that their horses are sound and fit enough for competition. It is at the discretion of the judges to excuse a horse if they feel the horse is not sound or is struggling. Riders and trainers are responsible for ensuring the welfare of the horse throughout this event. Stable management will be inspecting stalls to ensure that they are clean and there is ample clean water, and that horses are comfortable.

## HOW TO ENTER

Updated April 2026: <https://dressage4kids.org/d4k-festival/entry-info/entry-form.html>

Opening Date for Entries: June 1, 2026

Closing Date for Entries: July 19, 2026

Entries may be limited. Include with your entry:

- Horse info (memberships are not required for this show)
- Rider info, including rider date of birth (memberships are not required for this show)
- Friday schooling show class selections
- Championship Division level (such as Training Level, First Level, etc)
- Stabling info
- Additional optional class selections
- Special Awards entries and associated documentation (such as breed registration)
- YDF Entry Agreement (signed)
- Negative Coggins (within 12 months)
- Proof of flu/rhino vaccinations (within 6 months)
- Payment (Credit card payments will be accepted through the show entry software. Entries will not be processed unless payment has been received. Contact the Entry Show Secretary if you do not receive a confirmation.)

## FEES

Individual Championships Entry Fee	\$160 (\$130 for a second Division entry if applicable)
Horseless Division Entry Fee	\$30
Team Championships Entry	N/A (included in the Division Entry Fee)
Written Test	\$30 (if competitor is not entered in a Division)
Schooling Show	\$30 Per class
Judging SportH Conformation Class	\$30 (for those not entered in the Horseless Division)
Handler Class	\$30
Judging Dressage Class	\$30 (for those not entered in the Horseless Division)
Dressage Trail Class	\$30
Prix Caprilli Class	\$30
Musical Freestyle Class	\$30
Quadrille Class	\$60 Per group (\$15 per rider – specify on entry form)
Costume Class	\$15 Per group entry (for 1-6 riders per group entry, not per rider)
Leadline Class	\$15
Turnout Inspection Class	N/A (included in the Division Championships Entry Fee)
Tackroom Decorating Competition	\$30 (if competitor is not entered in a Division, otherwise inc. in Division fee)
Stalls (horse or tack)	\$185 (Thursday noon through Sunday. Additional fee for early arrival or late departure, and additional fee for double stall if requested).
Early Arrival	\$25 additional fee for arrival on Thursday prior to noon
Late Departure	\$25 additional fee for Monday departure
Trailer-in Fee	\$50 Per day
Day Stall (no Trailer-In Fee)	\$100/day
Shavings	\$12 Per bag
Camper hookups	\$50 Per night
Changes	\$25 Add to the entry for any reason after closing date
Non-Negotiable Check	\$50
Office Fee	\$40

## SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

### Offset Stabling Costs with Advertising Credits:

Competitors may solicit as many ads as they wish for the show program. Competitors will receive credit for stabling costs as follows:

<u>Ad Type</u>	<u>Credit Received</u>
Full Page	\$150
Half Page	\$100
Quarter Page	\$ 75
Business Card	\$ 50

There is a limit of \$150 credit per competitor regardless of how many ads the competitor solicits or the size/cost of the ads. However, please remember that revenue from ads helps offset the costs of the Festival, allowing Dressage4Kids to keep show fees lower and to direct more proceeds into the scholarship funds.

For more information, go to: <https://dressage4kids.org/d4k-festival/sponsorship/ad-specs-for-competitors.html>

### The Norwegian Fjord Horse Alliance Wendy Luscombe Memorial D4K Scholarship:

**Updated April 2026:** The Norwegian Fjord Horse Alliance (NFHA) is offering a \$250 scholarship. Scholarship recipient must be a youth who is riding a Norwegian Fjord Horse at the 2026 D4K Lendon's Youth Dressage Festival.

For more information: <https://dressage4kids.org/scholarships/norwegian-fjord-horse-alliance-scholarship.html>

### The American Connemara Pony Society Scholarship:

Riders who are members of the American Connemara Pony Society (ACPS) and riding a registered Connemara may be eligible for a \$500 scholarship. For more info, go to:

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

### D4K LYDF Scholarship:

**Updated June 2026:** Thanks to the generosity of anonymous donors and Tyger River Dressage, Dressage4Kids is able to offer **THREE** scholarships to attend this year's Lendon's Youth Dressage Festival. One scholarship will be for \$250 and two scholarships will be for \$500. Trainers must submit a nomination form, nominating the rider whom they would like to receive a scholarship. For more information go to:

<https://dressage4kids.org/scholarships/lendons-youth-dressage-festival-scholarship-nomination-form.html>

## REFUNDS

If classes are scratched and/or entire entry is withdrawn, in writing to the Entry Secretary (email is acceptable), by the closing date, July 19, 2026, a full refund less \$40 office fee will be provided. All refunds will be sent after the show. After July 19, 2026, there are no refunds. If a new entry is submitted to replace a withdrawn entry all funds may be transferred, less the \$40 office fee.

Post entries may be accepted to fill scratches at management's discretion with a \$40 office fee. Do not expect to be able to change entries after the closing date. Management reserves the right to combine, divide, or cancel classes.

## INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Individual Division Championships are at the heart of the Lendon's Youth Dressage Festival. Each Division Championship consists of three Phases: Written Test (online during the Show), Dressage Test, and Equitation. Dressage tests for Division Championships must be ridden from memory – no readers/callers.

Total points from the three Phases (written/dressage/equitation) determine Division placings. Ties are broken by using the Equitation score, then the Dressage Test score, and, if needed, the Written Test score. A rider must complete all three Phases to be eligible for Division Championship Awards.

Divisions are split by level and by age group. For example, a rider competing in Training Level would compete against others at Training Level and of a similar age. Classes and Divisions may be split or combined at management's discretion.

Rider Age: The FEI age rule applies, which is the age the rider reaches in the calendar year. For example, if the rider turns 25 years old at any point during 2026, the rider is considered to be age 25 for the show.

Qualifying Score: There is no qualifying score requirement for the Individual Division Championships. Dressage4Kids wants this to be a fun environment for both horse and rider. Your horse should be comfortable staying overnight in a show environment and the rider should feel confident in their ability to ride their horse in a large show environment.

Horses: Please show concern for your horse and be aware of the amount of work in a show environment. Management reserves the right to limit the number of classes a horse enters.

Division Championships Entry Limits for Riders: A rider, with the exception of those entering the Walk/Trot or AA Introductory C Divisions, can enter a maximum of two Divisions. A rider in the Walk/Trot or AA Introductory C Division can only enter one Division. A rider who has previously won a Division may not compete again on the same horse in that Division, with the exception of the Walk/Trot Division and the FEI Divisions. A rider may enter:

- a) one Division
- b) two consecutive Divisions with the same horse (for example Training Level and First Level)
- c) any two Divisions on two different horses (consecutive Divisions or not)
- d) one Division with two different horses

Riders entered in the Individual Division Championships may not enter the Horseless Division Championships. Riders are encouraged to enter Optional Classes.

### Division Championships Dressage Test Phase:

The levels offered for the Individual Division Championships Dressage Test Phase include:

WT – Walk/Trot Division 2023 USDF Introductory Test B, to be ridden in the small arena, 20x40m. For riders who have never competed in a recognized competition where cantering is required. Although a rider may enter this Division with 2 different horses, riders in this division may not ride in any other division or class except for classes designated Walk/Trot only. Note: this Division is not eligible for the Overall Grand Champion and Reserve Champion Awards.

AA – Walk/Trot/Canter Division 2023 USDF Introductory Test C, to be ridden in the small arena 20x40m. For riders who have never competed at First Level or above. Although a rider may enter this Division with 2 different horses, riders in this Division may not ride in any other Division but may compete in optional classes.

BB – USEF Training Level Division	2023 USEF Training Level Test 3
11 – USEF First Level Division	2023 USEF First Level Test 2
22 – USEF Second Level Division	2023 USEF Second Level Test 2 (unofficial jog required)*
33 – USEF Third Level Division	2023 USEF Third Level Test 2 (unofficial jog required)*
44 – USEF Fourth Level Division	2023 USEF Fourth Level Test 2 (unofficial jog required)*
FC – FEI Children Division	2022 FEI Children Team Test (technical test only) (unofficial jog required)*
FP – FEI Pony Division	2026 FEI Pony Team Test (unofficial jog required)*
FJ – FEI Junior Division	2026 FEI Junior Team Test (unofficial jog required)*
FY – FEI Young Rider Division	2026 FEI Young Rider Team Test (unofficial jog required)*
FI – FEI Intermediate Division (new!)	2026 FEI Intermediate 1 (unofficial jog required)*
F25 – FEI U25 Division	2026 FEI 16-25 Grand Prix Test (unofficial jog required)*
WD – Western Dressage Division	2022 WDAA Test 3 of the Level (Division may be split depending on entries)

#### Alumni Division:

A 3-Phased Alumni Division Championships for riders ages 26 (FEI age) or older who have competed at LYDF in the past. Riders may choose their level according to the Division levels offered above. For example, if a rider wants to ride at Training Level, they will ride Training Level Test 3. Alumni will also take a written test (online) and will ride a group equitation class with others in the Alumni Division. Note: this Division is not eligible for the Overall Grand Champion and Reserve Champion Awards or any Special Awards. Entries for the Alumni Division may be limited.

\*Unofficial jog (aka horse inspection) will be on Friday at a time tbd. There is a 5 point penalty if the rider does not attend. To learn more about horse inspections (aka jogs), go to:

<https://dressage4kids.org/d4k-festival/show-info/the-jog.html>

#### Para Equestrian (PE) Divisions:

PEA - Para Equestrian Division A – 2023 FEI PE Grand Prix Test A (previously known as Grade 1 Team Test) Open to riders with a permanent physical disability who have never competed in a FEI PE Championship Test for their classification grade, or at Training Level or above. *Riders in this Division may compete only in this Division.*

PEB – Para Equestrian Division B – Open to all riders with a permanent physical disability. Riders may choose to compete in the current FEI PE Grand Prix Test A (previously known as the Team Test) that is most appropriate for their skill level (Grades II thru V). Riders in this Division may also enter another Division which is considered the

equivalent, or consecutive level, of the Para Team Test being ridden, if qualified. Additional information for Para Equestrian Divisions A and B:

1. Riders must either include a copy of their FEI, USEF, or other national Dispensation Certificate, or other medical documentation which would be reviewed by the Show Committee to ensure the rider meets the minimum criteria for a physical disability. Riders with cognitive disabilities do not qualify to compete.
2. Compensating aids and special equipment used must follow the USEF/FEI rules and are subject to approval by the Show Committee.
3. Copies of the FEI PE Tests are available at: <http://www.fei.org/fei/your-role/organisers/p-e-dressage/tests>

#### Division Championships Written Test Phase:

For the written test phase, there are three age groups: Ages 11 and Under, Ages 12-15, and Ages 16-25. Your age is according to your FEI age. For example, if you turn 12 at any point during 2026, you are considered 12 for the entire year.

The written test is conducted online in a supervised testing environment at the Festival. The tests consist of multiple choice and true/false questions. Please note on entry if special test accommodations are needed and detail the type of support needed. Riders will be required to bring their own mobile device with the ability to connect to the internet.

#### Required Reading List (FEI Age Rule Applies)

All Ages: 2026 Lendon's Youth Dressage Festival Prize List  
"Rules of Riding with Others in the Ring" available at:  
<https://dressage4kids.org/d4k-festival/show-info/rules-of-riding.html>  
2026 Lendon's Youth Dressage Festival Program Book (picked up upon arrival at the show)

Plus:

11 and Under	<i>The United States Pony Club Manual of Horsemanship: D Level 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition</i> by Susan E. Harris and Pony Club; Chapters 2, 4, 5, 9, 13 (pages 25-93; 127-142; 145-173; 222-235; 298-309)
12-15	<i>What to Do Until the Vet Arrives: Emergency Care for Horses</i> by Dr. Nancy Loving <i>Dressage Q&amp;A with Janet Foy</i> , Chapters 1, 5, 6, 11 (pages 5-13; 59-65; 67-77; 115-122)
16-25	<i>What to Do Until the Vet Arrives: Emergency Care for Horses</i> by Dr. Nancy Loving <i>Dressage Q&amp;A with Janet Foy</i> , Chapters 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 11 (pages 5-13; 15-34; 51-58; 59-65; 67-77; 115-122)
26 and Older	There is no required reading for the Alumni Division. Questions will test general knowledge and trivia.

#### Division Championships Equitation Phase:

The Equitation Phase consists of group equitation classes, split by rider age and level. Riders will be asked to perform at the level of their Dressage Test, with that level's gaits. Movements from the level of the Dressage test may be requested by the judge if needed to determine final score. The rider's position and seat will be judged along with the correct use and effect of the aids. The rider's position will be judged as it relates to the horse's

balance, i.e., a rider with a classical hunt seat position would be acceptable at Training Level but not at Third Level. Riders competing in two Divisions will ride BOTH equitation classes. A rider/horse combination competing in a double bridle may choose to compete in a double bridle in their equitation class. Equitation classes may be split or combined at management's discretion.

## HORSELESS DIVISION CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Horseless Division is open only to competitors not entered in any other Division. Horseless Division Championship consists of three Phases: Written Test (online during the Show), Judging Sport Horse Conformation, and Judging Dressage. Total points from the three Phases determine Division placings. Ties are broken by using the Judging Dressage score, then the Judging Sport Horse Conformation score, and, if needed, the Written Test score. A rider must complete all three Phases to be eligible for Division Championship Awards. Classes and Divisions may be split or combined at management's discretion. Note: this Division is not eligible for the Overall Grand Champion and Reserve Champion Awards.

Horseless Division Championships Written Test Phase (Friday)

Same requirements as the Individual Championships (see page 9)

Horseless Division Championships Judging Sport Horse Conformation (Friday)

Class will be scored based on how closely the competitor's scores come to the scores of the appointed judge. Participants must bring their own clipboard with them (or something else suitable to use as a hard writing surface), along with a pen.

Horseless Division Championships Judging Dressage (Saturday)

Class will be scored based on how closely the competitor's scores come to the scores of the appointed judge. Participants must bring their own clipboard with them (or something else suitable to use as a hard writing surface), along with a pen.

## TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS

Kross Creek Farm Team Competition: Teams are made up of three or four riders of any level. The three highest Division scores count towards the final team score. This is not a separate ride.

Team members and team name must be declared on Entry or to the Show Secretary no later than 4 p.m. Friday, August 7th.

- A rider may be on only one team
- If the rider has entered 2 Divisions, the scores are used from the rider's higher Division
- A rider who enters 2 horses in the same Division must declare in advance which horse they want to be considered for the team score. If they do not declare by 4 p.m. Friday, we will use the score from the horse whose name comes first alphabetically
- Alumni Division may only form teams with other alumni riders
- Horseless Division may only form teams with other Horseless Division competitors

Riders who would like to be on a team but do not have one to join may check the "Wanna Be on a Team" box on their entry. "Wanna Be on a Team" riders will be randomly combined to form team(s). "Wanna Be on a Team" riders can check the Team Roster posted outside of the Show Office and submit any changes no later than 4 p.m. on Friday.

Note: Your “Team Name” does not need to be the same as your “Stabling Group”. Stabling Group is used to designate who you want to stable together. The Team Name is the name you want to use for the Team Competition.

## OPTIONAL CLASSES

Optional Classes are open to all competitors entered in a Division. Competitors who are not entered in a Division may have the opportunity to participate in select optional classes, space permitting. These opportunities are intended for those wishing to gain experience or try a class in a fun and supportive environment. Availability may be limited; further details will be announced as they are finalized.

### Schooling Show (Friday)

With the exception of the Pony Test of Choice classes, riders will compute their own final score – awards by percentage. A volunteer will be present to help you score your test. Tests may be picked up at the Ribbons and Awards Table. Test of Choice Pony Class Results will determine the National Dressage Pony Cup Awards (see Awards Section for details). Readers/callers are not permitted in the schooling show dressage classes.

Class #	Class Description	SS10	2026 FEI Junior Team Test
SS1	2023 USDF Introductory Test B	SS11	2026 FEI Young Rider Team Test
SS2	2023 USDF Introductory Test C	SS12	2026 FEI 16-25 Grand Prix Test
SS3	2023 USEF Training Level Test 3	SS13	2026 FEI Intermediate 1
SS4	2023 USEF First Level Test 2	SSIP	IPEC Test of Choice
SS5	2023 USEF Second Level Test 2	SSTP	Pony Test of Choice
SS6	2023 USEF Third Level Test 2	SSE	Eventing Test of Choice
SS7	2023 USEF Fourth Level Test 2	SSW	2022 WDAA Test of Choice (Test 3 of the Level)
SS8	2022 FEI Children Team Test (technical test only)	SSTH	Horse Test of Choice
SS9	2026 FEI Pony Team Test		

### Schooling Show Classes Notes:

- WDAA tests will not be permitted in the Pony and Horse Test of Choice Classes.
- Riders should only enter the Horse Test of Choice class for a test that is not otherwise offered in the schooling show (ie Training Level Test 2).

### Judging Sport Horse Conformation (Friday), Class JHC

Included in the Horseless Division, optional for everyone else. No horse needed. Class will be scored based on how closely the competitor’s scores come to the scores of the appointed judge. Participants must bring their own clipboard with them (or something else suitable to use as a hard writing surface), along with a pen. If you have a horse that you would like to volunteer for this class, please contact Volunteer Coordinator, Amanda Gifford at [d4kvolunteers@gmail.com](mailto:d4kvolunteers@gmail.com). For more information go to:

<https://dressage4kids.org/d4k-festival/optional-classes/conformation-class.html>.

### Handler Class (Friday), Class HDL

Presenting a horse or pony on a Triangle. Each entry will include a horse, a lead handler and a whip handler. All handlers must wear helmets. This in-hand class on the triangle will be judged on the lead handler and the whip handler based on how they work together as a team. For more information go to:

<https://dressage4kids.org/d4k-festival/optional-classes/handler-class.html>

### Written Test (Friday)

For competitors not entered in a Division. Competitors may enter the Written Test as an optional class. Same requirements as the Division Championships Written Test Phase. Refer to page 9.

### Judging Dressage Class (Saturday)

Included in the Horseless Division, optional for everyone else. No horse needed. Class will be scored based on how closely the competitor's scores come to the scores of the appointed judge. Participants must bring their own clipboard with them (or something else suitable to use as a hard writing surface), along with a pen.

### Quadrille Class (Friday), Class QC

Team of 4 riders required. In a quadrille competition the main criteria is the team's performance as a cohesive group. Compulsory routines test the team's ability to perform required movements according to acceptable standards. Judges look for the teams to keep even spacing (from rider to rider), move and turn in synchrony and maintain alignment throughout the ride. Quadrilles from Introductory through First Level are offered at the Festival. A rider competing in a higher level Division may compete in a lower level quadrille. Each quadrille member should be able to perform the USDF/USEF dressage tests at the desired level. The quadrille tests are specific USDF tests. The quadrille tests and additional information about quadrilles in general are available through the USDF website at <https://www.usdf.org/education/other-programs/quadrille/>. Riders must specify the quadrille level they riding on their entry form. Quadrilles require much practice prior to the competition, please plan accordingly.

### Leadline Class (Saturday)

Open to riders at least 4 years old but no older than 8. Rider to be led through the test, saluting at the beginning and end. No qualifying requirement. The test is posted at:

<https://dressage4kids.org/d4k-festival/optional-classes/leadline.html>

### Dressage Trail Class (Saturday/Sunday)

Riders guide their horses through a preset pattern that demonstrates the practical goals of dressage training.

Potential trail horse patterns are available at: <https://dressage4kids.org/d4k-festival/optional-classes/>

Class 2DT1 Saturday - Walk/Trot Only

Class 3DT1 Sunday - Walk/Trot Only

Class 2DT2 Saturday - Includes canter, more difficult tests may include a bridge, backing a turn, small jump, etc.

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### Prix Caprilli Class (Friday & Sunday)

Dressage test with jumps, ridden in a standard dressage arena. Tests posted at:

<https://dressage4kids.org/d4k-festival/optional-classes/prix-caprilli.html>

Class 1PCI	Friday Introductory Level	Walk/Trot movements in a small arena (20X40) with crossrails no higher than 12". Open to riders competing Training Level and below.
Class 3PCI	Sunday Introductory Level	Walk/Trot movements in a small arena (20X40) with crossrails no higher than 12". Open to riders competing Training Level and below.
Class 1PCT	Friday Training Level	Training Level movements with jumps no higher than 2'. Open to all riders except Walk/Trot Division.
Class 3PCT	Sunday Training Level	Training Level movements with jumps no higher than 2'. Open to all riders except Walk/Trot Division.

Class 1PCF	Friday First Level	First Level movements with jumps no higher than 2'6". Open to all riders competing First Level and above.
Class 3PCF	Sunday First Level	First Level movements with jumps no higher than 2'6". Open to all riders competing First Level and above.

#### Turnout Inspection (Saturday)

Riders may present themselves for an inspection of horse, rider, and tack at the specified area. Riders who would like to participate must enter the Turnout Inspection Class. Riders must enter this class on their Festival entry through Horse Show Office (there is no cost to enter this class). There will be a sign-up sheet at the Volunteer's Table where riders can select a specific inspection time. Horse Show Office will assign the same class start time for all riders; however, each rider must sign up for an individual inspection time. For more information go to: <https://dressage4kids.org/d4k-festival/optional-classes/turnout-inspection.html>

#### Costume Class (Saturday)

Unmounted class for both horses and humans. Can be an individual or group entry with a maximum of 6 people in the group. At least one member of the entry must have entered the Division Competition, but leadline entries and other support people such as siblings, parents, trainers may join in the fun.

#### Musical Freestyle Class (Sunday)

Class will be limited to 25 riders on a first come, first serve basis. Riders may ride any USDF, USEF or FEI Freestyle. Indicate level on entry. Please check USDF/FEI rules for requirements.

#### Cover Art Contest (Deadline July 1, 2026)

A drawing, photo, or graphic design by anyone 25 and under will be chosen for the cover of the Show Program. The artist does not have to be entered in the show. Other artwork submitted but not chosen for the cover will be included inside the program. All drawings should be no larger than 8" x 11", must be vertical (like the front of a book) and can be in color or black/white. Photos must be vertical and sent electronically at 300 dpi at 100% of the size; if it is a smaller photo, the resolution needs to be higher. Do not include words or numbers in drawings (except logical dressage show word/numbers, such a bridle number or arena letters), but do sign them at the bottom. Include your name, hometown and age written on the back of the drawings or in the email. Snail mail to: Margaret Freeman, 200 Aurora Lane, Tryon, NC 28782 or email to: [margfree@aol.com](mailto:margfree@aol.com)

#### Tack Room Decorating Competition:

Stall Areas/Tack Rooms will be judged on set-up, cleanliness, and originality. Emphasis will be placed on originality. No flammable materials or lights. Do not attach items to stall panels using staples, screws, or any type of permanent adhesive. If tape is used, it must be removable, leave no residue, and be secured in a manner that prevents damage to the stall panels. To request stabling together, use the Entry Form and the same stable name. Judging will take place on Saturday at a time to be announced.

## ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES

#### Hobby Horse:

**Updated April 2026:** We are pleased to welcome 2025 US Hobby Horse Grand Prix Dressage Champion, Charlotte Bodkin, for a special demo and meet & greet (time tbd). Throughout the weekend, participants of all ages are invited to decorate their own hobby horse and take part in fun, informal hobby horse classes. A small participation fee will apply; additional details will be announced.

### Pinch of Luck:

Inspired by a beloved tradition at Irish dance majors, Lendon's Youth Dressage Festival will share the fun with a "Pinch of Luck" tradition that celebrates good sportsmanship and connection. Pins are meant to be decorated, so bring your creativity and make each one your own. Decorating the clothespins is half the fun – get together with your teammates before or during YDF and create your own "good luck" clothespins. Riders are then invited to anonymously clip a finished clothespin onto the tack stall, coat bag, or gear of another YDF rider they don't already know. Recipients can keep the "pinch of luck" as a memento or pass the luck along, spreading encouragement and community throughout the Festival.

### Scavenger Hunt:

Open to all competitors. The Show Program that you will receive from the Show Office when you check-in will include all of the details needed to participate in the Scavenger Hunt. Use the Show Program to track down your answers and fill in each square on your Scavenger Hunt Card. Once you have completed your Card, bring it to Lendon Gray in the Show Office by 4pm Saturday in order to be entered into the Prize Drawing.

### Ride On The Side:

In the Pavilion, time to be announced at the Festival. A judge will discuss rides from the judge's point of view allowing questions and discussion. All are welcome to attend including competitors, families and trainers.

### Stable Management Challenge (Saturday):

The two top scorers in the Written Test in the 12-15 and 16-25 age groups who are entered in the Individual Division Championships (not including the Horseless Division) will be invited to participate in a practical Stable Management test which may include a check of their stall care, putting on bandages, recognizing good quality feed, fitting a saddle and other management skills. A list of riders qualifying for this competition will be posted outside of the Show Office by 9am Saturday.

<https://dressage4kids.org/d4k-festival/optional-classes/stable-management-challenge.html>

### Team Trivia:

More details at the show!

### Trainers Forum:

Friday during the Written Test. Parents and trainers are encouraged to meet at the time and location TBD.

Additional activities may be announced.

## COMPETITOR VOLUNTEER REQUIREMENT

All competitors must volunteer for at least 1 hour during the show. After you have: 1) arrived and stabled your horse, 2) received your packet from the Show Secretary, and 3) checked your ride times, go to the Volunteer Booth for your assignment(s). Competitors need to know their ride times and warm-up requirements before coming to the volunteer booth to sign up for their volunteer hour. Parents may accompany the competitor but riders must sign-up for their own task, including communicating to the volunteer staff.

## STABLING

Arrival: starting Thursday, August 6 at noon (early arrival may be available for an additional fee)

Departure: by Sunday, August 9 at 5pm (late departure may be available for an additional fee)

Stabling is in permanent 10x10 stalls (board on bottom and chain link on top) with full doors. If your horse would be more comfortable in a double stall (10 x 20), you may request one, for an additional fee. Riders requesting adjoining stalls must use the same stable name (not team name) on all Entries. You may not change stalls after you arrive. Management will make every effort to space stabling assignments to minimize direct contact between unfamiliar horses. Competitors are welcome to bring plywood and/or tarps to create additional separation between their assigned stalls, as long as they are installed safely and do not damage the stalls.

Please note: In the Stabling section of the Entry - The Stable Group is the name that all riders who want to stable together will give. This may be different than the "Team Name" for the team competition.

Night Check: There will be night security during the show at no extra charge. Please make sure to include emergency contact information on your stall cards.

In the interest of safety, aisles must be kept clear (NO bikes in the aisles or anywhere near where horses go) and there must be plenty of room for two horses to pass one another. It is at the discretion of Dressage4Kids and its volunteers to mandate that you move something for safety reasons.

Shavings can be pre-ordered on your online entry. Shavings are \$12 per bag. Each stall requires approximately 3 or 4 bags to bed it. There will be limited availability for shavings at the show.

There will be no hay available at the show.

Stalls do NOT need to be stripped before leaving the show grounds.

## PROOF OF EQUINE VACCINATION

It is a requirement that every horse be vaccinated against the Equine Influenza, EHV1 and EHV4 vaccines within 6 months of the Festival. If a vaccination will expire during the Festival, the horse must receive the vaccination 14 days prior to the start of the Festival. Submit proof of vaccination, along with negative Coggins dated within 12 months, at time of entry by uploading documents to Horse Show Office.

## AWARDS INFORMATION

### Division Championships, Team Championships and Class Ribbons:

To be eligible for Division Championship and Grand/Reserve Champion Awards, riders must complete all three sections of the Division: Written Test, Dressage, and Equitation. The Walk/Trot Division and the Horseless Division are not eligible for the Overall Champion or Overall Reserve Champion Awards.

Management makes every effort to give appropriate prizes/awards to placeholders. Once given, it becomes the responsibility of the recipient. Management will not replace lost or stolen prizes including gift certificates. Awards and ribbons must be picked up in person and will not be mailed.

- Overall Grand Champion and Reserve Champion Ribbons and Prizes
- Individual Division Championships: Division winners 1-6 to be presented ribbons and prizes. Ribbons for Division winners placing 7-10 will be available for pick up at the Awards Table after results are posted.
- Class Ribbons: ribbons for places 1-6 in each of the following (ribbons may be picked up at the Awards Table after results are posted):
  - Written Test Phase

- Dressage Test Phase
- Equitation Phase
- Judging Sport Horse Conformation
- Judging Dressage
- Handler Class
- Quadrille Class
- Dressage Trail Classes
- Prix Caprilli Classes
- Turnout Inspection Class
- Costume Class
- Musical Freestyle Class
- Awards for top scorers in the Stall Area/Tack Room Competition
- Kross Creek Farm Team Competition ribbons

#### National Dressage Pony Cup Awards:

Using the scores from the Pony Test of Choice Class during Friday's Schooling Show, ribbons for first through sixth places in each of up to 3 groups will be awarded (groups TBD). An overall Champion and Reserve for the entire Pony Test of Choice Class will also be awarded. To find out more about the National Dressage Pony Cup program go to: <https://dressageponycup.com/>

#### Special and Breed Awards:

More info at: <https://dressage4kids.org/d4k-festival/show-info/special-breed-awards.html>

Unless noted otherwise, riders must be entered in the Individual Division Championships and the highest score means the overall highest score of all three Sections: Dressage Test, Equitation Class, and Written Test. Walk/Trot riders are only eligible to receive awards noted by #. If the award is marked with an \*\* you must apply for this award with your festival entry through Horse Show Office and satisfy the documentation requirements of the award. If it is an award for a specific breed, you must provide copy of the horse's breed papers. **You will not be considered for the award if the documentation is not received by August 1.** All other special awards will be automatically entered if they apply to you. Riders must verify their Award Application against the posted Award Application Report and notify the Show Secretary of any discrepancies by Friday 4PM.

- American Connemara Pony Society Perpetual Award – highest scoring rider on a Connemara.\*\*
- Anflug-Eilers Perpetual Trophy – Highest scoring rider in the Equitation phase ages 17 and under
- Cadanz Perpetual Trophy – Highest scoring rider in the FEI YR Dressage Phase.
- Carol Lavell Award - Highest scoring rider in the Musical Freestyle.
- The Cirinity Michelle Perpetual Trophy - Highest scoring rider in any Division riding a Friesian.\*\*
- The Clovis Horsemanship Award - Award includes \$250 plus one year supply of Triple Crown Feed (not to exceed 40 bags) after the receipt of a scholarship report detailing how the winner used the \$250 for educational purposes. Horses who have overcome large medical obstacles are eligible for this award. Rider must submit a written document with their entry briefly explaining the horse's health issues, along with their medical, nutritional, and psychological needs and how the rider helps care for the horse mentally and physically for the horse to stay happy in its work. The winner will be the highest scoring rider (Division Score) of those who qualify. The same horse/rider combination will not be eligible the year immediately following the year in which they won. The horse would be eligible with a different rider, and the rider would be eligible with a different horse. This award is sponsored by Triple Crown, Cherry Ridge Dressage, Spa Equine Sports Medicine, and Friends of Clovis.\*\*
- Crown Juel Memorial Award – Highest scoring rider on a mare in Dressage.

- Fakir Rouge Perpetual Trophy – Highest scoring rider in an FEI Dressage Test Class (in the FEI Children's tests, based on technical score).
- Festive Pandora Trophy – Highest scoring rider on a Welsh.\*\*
- Finally Phantom Perpetual Trophy – Highest scoring rider on a Thoroughbred.\*\*
- Fjord Award High Score Award – Highest scoring Fjord in a Division.\*\*
- Harry Houdini Memorial Trophy – Highest scoring rider in Prix Caprilli on a pony.
- Jill Bertolini Furlan Memorial Award for Highest Scoring Rescue Horse (\$500 cash award) - Highest scoring rider on a rescue horse. Rider to submit a written paragraph with their entry form explaining why the horse qualifies for this award, including a brief history of the horse. The same horse/rider combination will not be eligible the year immediately following the year in which they won. The horse would be eligible with a different rider, and the rider would be eligible with a different horse.\*\*
- Katherine Boyer Perpetual Trophy – Highest scoring rider in the FEI Junior Division.
- Kenneth P. Seeber DVM Memorial Trophy – highest scoring rider in the Stable Management Competition.
- Kitwell Consul Memorial Trophy – Highest scoring rider on an Arabian or Half Arabian.\*\*
- Last Scene Perpetual Trophy – Highest scoring rider in the FEI Pony Division.
- Legato Young Horse Award – Highest scoring rider with the youngest horse or pony (4 or 5 years old).
- Lindekrona Memorial Trophy – Highest scoring male rider.
- Lindsay S. Jacob Memorial Trophy – Highest scoring rider in the Equitation phase in the age 18-21 Division.
- Miss Jane Marple Memorial Trophy – Highest scoring rider in the Para Equestrian divisions.
- Orchard Hill's Andalusian/Lusitano Perpetual Trophy – Highest scoring rider on a PRE, Andalusian or Lusitano.\*\*
- Pikona Memorial Trophy – Highest scoring rider on a Hanoverian.\*\*
- Searsmont Perpetual Trophy – Highest scoring hunter/jumper/equitation rider (must have competed in a USEF recognized show in the past 12 months) .\*\*
- Seldom Seen Memorial Trophy – Highest scoring rider on a pony.
- Shavano's Pride Memorial Trophy – Highest scoring rider on a non solid-colored horse (Appaloosa, Paint, etc.).\*\*
- Sky Farm Equestrian 4-H Club - Highest scoring rider in a 4-H Club. Provide 4H Club Name on Entry Form.\*\*
- Superstar Perpetual Trophy – Highest scoring rider on a Quarter Horse.\*\*
- #Two Swan Farms Perpetual Trophy – Youngest rider in a division.
- Umego Perpetual Trophy – Highest scoring rider on a Schoolmaster – rider to submit a written paragraph explaining why the horse qualifies for this award with their entry form.\*\*
- U.S. Pony Club Perpetual Trophy – Highest scoring Pony Clubber. Provide Pony Club Name & Certification on Entry Form.\*\*
- UVM Rosanna Memorial Trophy – Highest scoring rider on a Morgan.\*\*
- Vakhos Memorial Trophy – Highest Dressage score for event riders competing at or above First Level (having competed in a sanctioned horse trial in in the past 12 months.) \*\*
- Victor Hugo-Vidal Memorial Trophy – Highest scoring rider in the Prix Caprilli classes.

Special Awards - Winners will be posted by the Show Office on the score board as they become available. Once winners are posted, they can pick up their award at the "Awards" Location.

Award Times - Management will do their best to inform riders about award times, but it is the riders' responsibility to be on time for awards. No awards will be mailed. With the exception of Team Awards and Leadline, riders will pick up ribbons at the Ribbons and Awards Table. The Leadline Class will be awarded in the ring at the end of the Class and the Team Awards will be awarded at the Parade of Teams.

## OTHER INFORMATION

### Tentative Times:

Times and important additional information will be posted on the Dressage4Kids website one week prior to the show, but are subject to change. Official times will be updated at <https://www.horshowoffice.com/#/>.

### Roving Trainers:

Our wonderful professionals volunteer their time for any competitor without a trainer who wishes help. Please contact Lendon Gray at [graydressage@gmail.com](mailto:graydressage@gmail.com), preferably prior to the show. If you need to sign up while at the show, there will be a sign-up sheet at the Volunteer Table, but individual times are not guaranteed.

### Arenas:

All arenas are a sand/bluestone mixture with exception to the indoor which is sand/clay mixture.

### Lunging:

Lunging allowed in the lunging ring only.

### Education and Entertainment:

There will be lectures and demonstrations throughout the show. Watch for notices posted and listen for announcements regarding the days and times of activities.

### Monitoring Equine Health:

Riders are responsible for monitoring their horse's health during the event. Riders are required to immediately notify the Show Office in the event of any clinical signs of disease and/or temperature above 102F.

### Concession Food:

Angelo's Kitchen Food Truck will be on site Thursday afternoon through Sunday.

### Photographer:

Amy Drago, [amy@dragoophoto.com](mailto:amy@dragoophoto.com), 610-656-0258

### First Aid:

Provided through the Horse Park of New Jersey

### Veterinarian:

Foundation Equine and Wellness 609-291-0535 (on call Thursday-Sunday)

### Farrier:

Jason Beck 609-903-8608 (on call Friday-Sunday)

### Accommodations:

The Residence Inn Hamilton is the official hotel for the Dressage4Kids Lendon's Youth Dressage Festival. To qualify for the discount, all reservations must be made by July 5, 2026. Reserve online using this link:

<https://www.marriott.com/event-reservations/reservation-link.mi?id=1756497804909&key=GRP&app=resvlink>

Camper hookups are available at show grounds and must be prepaid with your entry. If you have questions, please contact the Lendon's Youth Dressage Festival Show Secretary.

### Additional Lendon's Youth Dressage Festival Guidelines:

<https://dressage4kids.org/d4k-festival/entry-info/youth-dressage-festival-new-jersey-rules.html>

SHOWGROUNDS MAP

