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Dressage4Kids Calendar

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

July

July 2-29 D4K Summer Intensive Training Program

August

August 7-9 D4K Lendon's Youth Dressage Festival at the Horse Park of New Jersey in Allentown, New Jersey

August 15-16 D4K Kundrun TEAM Clinic with Lendon Gray at Whispering Miracles Equestrian Center in Virginia Beach, Virginia

Are you interested in hosting a D4K TEAM Clinic? Contact Mary at d4k.org@gmail.com.

D4K Summer Intensive Training Program (SIT) Riders and Auditing

Dressage4Kids is pleased to welcome the following riders to the D4K Summer Intensive Training Program (SIT) 2026 at Lilley Cares in Fruitport, Michigan!

Sophia Bandurski, TX

Taylor McNeely, NY

Alexis Mooney, OH

Lillian Mooney, OH

Maci Remington, MI

Zoë Rizzuto, KY

Viviana Selner, MI

Lainy Shennum, TX

Molly Shewmaker, GA

Sofia Taveras, FL

Aubrey Welch, TX

Payton Wilson, OK

Stable Manager: Ben McWhorter, FL

If you would like to audit SIT, please reach out to Lendon Gray at graydressage@gmail.com.

D4K Lendon's Youth Dressage Festival Entries Close Soon!

Entries are open! Closing date July 19.

D4K Lendon's Youth Dressage Festival
August 7-9, 2026
Horse Park of New Jersey

ALL levels - from Walk/Trot to FEI, and with Horseless options as well, we welcome you to join us for Lendon's Youth Dressage Festival!

[Click here for the Prize List and Competitor Handbook.](#)

[Click here for Entries.](#)



D4K Winter Intensive Training Program Updates

Dressage4Kids is pleased to announce some upcoming changes which, though bittersweet, will enable us to offer expanded intensive training programs to youth riders across the US.

As times and circumstances have changed, we will be sunsetting our longstanding Winter Intensive Training (WIT) program. This program has been a hallmark of D4K for the past 14 years. We are deeply grateful to the individuals and organizations who have made the program possible over the years. From the earliest days, when Kim Van Kampen Crook helped us start the program with the use of her stables, to the hosts who welcomed WIT into their facilities, and the generous donors who provided scholarships to so many young riders, the program has thrived because of extraordinary community support.

We are so proud of all our D4K “WIT kids” who participated, often for repeated years. With the help of countless supporters, sponsors, instructors, guest speakers, parents, and participants, WIT has helped shape a generation of knowledgeable, compassionate, and driven equestrians – trainers,

competitors, professionals, working students, scholars, mothers and fathers. The values learned through WIT have helped countless individuals, as each has pursued their dreams.

As we look to the future, D4K must continue to evolve in our mission: to encourage riders under 25 to become true horsemen; to offer scholarships; to develop good sportsmanship; to support programs for adults who in turn educate youth; and to have fun.

So as we announce that WIT will not happen as before, we are very actively establishing other intensive educational experiences to expand our reach to more youth riders. We kicked off the summer with two Horsemastership Clinics led by Olympians Allison Brock in Maryland and Robert Dover in New York, and our Summer Intensive Training (SIT) Program is underway in Michigan this month with Maria Lithander, Kerrigan Gluch, and Lendon Gray, and 12 riders from across the US. In addition, we hope to do some shorter-term programs (perhaps 1-4 weeks) in various locations across the country throughout the year. We also plan to host unmounted programs in Wellington and other locations to continue to connect our youth with those in top sport. We are always open to suggestions from anyone who might have some ideas and who might be interested in working with us to see them happen.

Our commitment to youth education, horsemanship, and community remains unchanged, and we look forward to sharing more about these future initiatives as they take shape. We extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone who has been part of the WIT journey and look forward to what's next.

USDF and Dressage4Kids Partner for USDF/Dressage4Kids U-13 Regional Merit Awards

The United States Dressage Federation™ (USDF) and Dressage4Kids™ (D4K) are pleased to partner to establish the new USDF/Dressage4Kids U-13 Regional Merit Awards. These awards, presented at each of the nine Great American/USDF Regional Championships, will recognize the highest and second highest placing juniors, aged 13 and under, in the Training and First Level Junior/Young Rider Championship classes, for four awards total per region.

[Click here to learn more.](#)



D4K Kundrun Horsemastership Clinic with Robert Dover

What happens when world-class instruction meets a passion for learning? An unforgettable D4K Kundrun Horsemastership Clinic with Robert Dover at Bel-Aire Farms!

Participants immersed themselves in every aspect of horsemanship, from riding lessons with Robert Dover to educational sessions that expanded their knowledge far beyond the saddle. Riders learned about fitness and yoga from Samantha Free of Millbrook Yoga, explored current equine health concerns and practiced lower-leg palpation with Dr. Cyra Erwin of Millbrook Equine, discussed equine nutrition with Laura Stockhaus of Lake Erie College, and learned about valuable in-hand skills with Fred Win.



"Robert was thorough in each of my rides and showed me exactly what I needed to focus on to improve my riding. He gave me the confidence to know that the ability exists in my pony, I just need to apply the correct aids. As I did what Robert asked, my riding improved immediately." - Elan Stremmel



"I felt that I got so much out of the clinic. It changed my outlook on how to collect and extend my horse while also improving things like my seat. I had a great time and I am excited to continue my



Thank you to Bel-Aire Farms, Clair Glover, Robert Dover, Samantha Free, Dr. Cyra Erwin, Laura Stockhaus, Fred Win, and Fritz and Claudine Kundrun for making this extraordinary learning experience possible!

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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