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## Dressage4Kids Calendar

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### 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

### April

April 5 D4K UP at Cummings School of Veterinary Medicine at Tufts University in North Grafton, Massachusetts

April 5 D4K Judges Forum at Tufts Equine Center in North Grafton, Massachusetts

April 6 D4K TEAM Clinic at Painted Dreams Horse Farm in Wrightstown, Pennsylvania

April 12-13 D4K TEAM Clinic at Highclere Farms in Burlington, North Carolina

April 13 D4K Benefit Show at the Bucks County Horse Park

April 26-27 D4K TEAM Clinic with Maria Lithander at Euphoria Stables in Starke, Florida

April 28 D4K UP (Zoom) with Dr. Alison Arnold "Mental Toughness in Dressage: Turning Setbacks into Setups for Success"

### May

May 3-4 D4K TEAM Clinic at Noble Steed in Canton, Georgia

May 10-11 D4K TEAM Clinic at Twinwood Equestrian Center in Fulshear, Texas

## D4K Training4Teaching Classroom Continues March 9th

Join Dressage4Kids for Training4Teaching Classroom Seminars. Open to all!

When: 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 UP (Unmounted Programs) Zooms Continue

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

When:

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

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

Monday, April 28th at 7:30pm EDT via Zoom

- Presentation with Dr. Alison Arnold "Mental Toughness in Dressage: Turning Setbacks into Setups for Success"

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 Summer Intensive Training Program Applications Are Open

We're excited to announce that applications for the D4K Summer Intensive Training Program (SIT) are open!

What: D4K SIT

When: July 2 - 29, 2025 with an option to extend dates through August 17th

Where: Hampton Green Farm in Fruitport, Michigan

Who: open to riders of all levels ages 25 and under

Applications: for more information, including how to apply, go to:

<https://dressage4kids.org/programs/summer-intensive-training-program.html>

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## D4K Horsemastership Clinic Applications Are Open

We're excited to announce that applications for the D4K Horsemastership Clinic are open!

What: D4K Horsemastership Clinic

When: July 7-9, 2025

Where: Hilltop Farm in Colora, Maryland

Who: open to riders ages 25 and under; preference will be given to riders competing at the FEI youth levels, including FEI Childrens, FEI Pony, FEI Juniors, FEI Young Riders, and FEI U25 Grand Prix

Applications: for more information, including how to apply, go to:

<https://dressage4kids.org/programs/d4k-july-2025-horsemastership-clinic.html>

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## D4K UP at Cummings School of Veterinary Medicine at Tufts University April 5

Dressage4Kids and the Cummings School of Veterinary Medicine at Tufts University are pleased to present a special Open House with lectures, presentations, and hands-on activities.

Sponsored by: The Connecticut Dressage Association and The Dressage Foundation

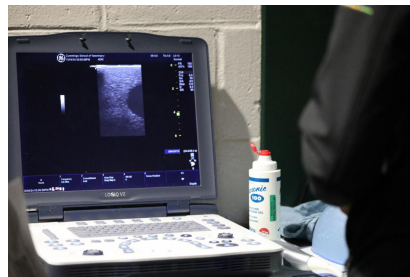
When: Saturday, April 5, 2025

Where: Tufts Equine Center, Agnes Varis Campus Center and Auditorium, 5 Jumbo's Path, North Grafton, MA

Who: Open to everyone

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

<https://dressage4kids.org/programs/d4k-unmounted-programs/d4k-up-at-tufts-equine-center-april-5-2025.html>



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## D4K Judges Forum April 5

Dressage4Kids is pleased to announce Judges Forum on April 5th with lead presenter USEF 'S' Judge Margaret Freeman!

When: Saturday, April 5, 2025

Where: Tufts Equine Center, Agnes Varis Campus Center and Auditorium, 5 Jumbo's Path, North Grafton, MA

Who: This Judges Forum is open to candidates enrolled in the USDF L Education Program; L Graduates; and licensed dressage judges.

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

<https://dressage4kids.org/programs/d4k-unmounted-programs/d4k-judges-forum-april-5-2025.html>

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## D4K Lendon's Youth Dressage Festival Save the Date and New Location!

We're excited to announce that Lendon's Youth Dressage Festival has a new location!

What: D4K Lendon's Youth Dressage Festival

When: August 8-10, 2025

**\*New Location!\*** Where: Horse Park of New Jersey in Allentown, New Jersey

Save the Date!

The Prize List is coming soon!

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## D4K Lendon's Youth Dressage Festival Sponsorship

Would you or someone you know like to sponsor Lendon's Youth Dressage Festival? Contact Mary at [d4k.org@gmail.com](mailto:d4k.org@gmail.com) for more info.

Your support goes directly to providing competitors with an unparalleled individual and team competition experience.

*"Thank you so much for setting everything up! I love the Youth Dressage Festival so much! It wouldn't happen without everybody's help. This is one of my favorite parts of the year. Thank you so much!" - 2024 Youth Dressage Festival competitor*

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## Meet Youth Dressage Festival Competitor Kaytlin Dietrich

Kaytlin Dietrich was the Training Level Division Ages 14-17 Champion at YDF 2024 with her horse, Deaglan AF Midgard aka Mouse.

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

Kaytlin: This was my third year competing at YDF.

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

Kaytlin: I had lots of fun just hanging out at the show. It's a great show to bring you closer to your teammates. With the storms this year we had lots of down time which gave us time to all have fun as a barn.

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

Kaytlin: I was so happy to be Division Champion. We had our best score yet for that test and he really tried his heart out. It makes me so proud that we ended up winning the Division because he was really trying his best that day.

Q: What are your future riding goals/plans?

Kaytlin: My future plans are to keep developing my horse up the levels. He's a very talented young horse and I'm excited to see what we can accomplish as he gets older.

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

Kaytlin: I would like to return to YDF next year if my barn decides to go. It's a great show that I love coming to year after year.

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

Kaytlin: My horse, Deaglan AF Midgard, or Mouse, is a 5 year old Knabstrupper gelding. He's a great horse with a very goofy and lovable personality. I think he's really one of my favorite horses I've ever met and I feel so lucky to own him.

Q: Are there any funny quirks about your horse?

Kaytlin: Mouse's quirk is that he likes to hold things in his mouth. He likes grabbing water bottles and lead ropes and just holding them in his mouth. He also likes GoGo squeezes because he can hold the pouch and eat, his two favorite things.

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

Kaytlin: He likes a lot of treats. Recently he's really liked ice cubes but he also likes applesauce and glazed donuts.

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

Kaytlin: I think he likes Trail. We've done it both years I've taken him to YDF. He's a really brave horse so he has no trouble with any obstacles and I think it's refreshing for him instead of doing the test he's done all season.

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

Kaytlin: My team was really great. Our barn had two teams, but we really functioned as one big team. My favorite memory is before the Parade of Teams we braided red, white, and blue thread into our hair and put on American flag tattoos. We all helped each other get ready and I think moments like that just bring a team together.

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

Kaytlin: I'd like to thank D4K for putting on this show, my family for supporting me, the trainers who've developed me and my horse into the pair we are, and everyone in my life who helps us. The biggest thank you goes to my horse though, for his patience and willingness, and for always trying his best for me.



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## Host a D4K TEAM Clinic

Do you want to host a D4K TEAM Clinic? Contact Mary at [d4k.org@gmail.com](mailto:d4k.org@gmail.com) for more info.

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## Region 1 Youth Dressage Team Challenge

The Region 1 Youth Dressage Team Challenge will return to Rose Mount Farm in Spotsylvania Courthouse, VA on June 21-22.

In this fun and friendly competition, riders team up with other youth to compete in divisions that are based on riding level and age. In addition to the team competition, riders can compete in the Dressage Seat Equitation Championships and the Musical Freestyle Face-Off during the Saturday evening competitor party. Also offered are the popular Prix Caprilli classes from crossrails through 2'6 and a Junior Sporthorse Handler class. New for 2025, we will be awarding an overall individual champion award as well as an overall team champion award.

Check out the website for more information! <https://www.youthdressagefoundation.org/>



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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.

<https://dressage4kids.org>

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