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Dressage4Kids Calendar

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September

September 5-6 D4K TEAM Clinic at the Georgia International Horse Park in Conyers, Georgia

September 6-7 D4K TEAM Clinic with Liz Austin at Faith Hill Farm in East Greenwich, Rhode Island

September 7 Atlanta Youth Festival at the Georgia International Horse Park in Conyers, Georgia

September 20-21 D4K TEAM Clinic at Faith Haven Stables in North East, Pennsylvania

October

October 18 D4K UP Meet and Greet with Gareth Hughes at the NEDA Fall Symposium at Mount Holyoke College Equestrian Center in South Hadley, Massachusetts

October 25-26 D4K TEAM Clinic at Meadowbrook Equestrian Center in Naples, Maine

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

D4K WIT Interview with Tegan Pedigo

As part of the Dressage4Kids 2025 Winter Intensive Training Program, participants are given the opportunity to interview an equine professional. WITee Tegan Pedigo interviewed Tinne Vilhelsom-Silfven. Excerpts from the interview:

Tinne has found longevity in letting the accolades and competitions be cherries on top of the cake, not the reason she pursues the sport. For her, living and breathing horses, finding the special, stardust moments where we live alongside them is where she finds her drive. The development and training of horses is a huge part of Tinne's work, using her

skills, knowledge, and patience to help horses not only find their potential but be content in their job and life.

[Click here to learn more about the D4K WIT Program.](#)

Congratulations to Lendon's Youth Dressage Festival Competitors!

Lendon's Youth Dressage Festival was held August 8-10, 2025 at the Horse Park of New Jersey and featured Individual and Team Championships for riders ages 25 and under, traveling from Maine to Florida.

In addition to the individual and team championships, riders and families enjoyed a wide range of activities, including fun classes such as Trail and Prix Caprilli, Sport Horse Classes, Turnout Inspection, Stable Management Challenge, Tackroom Decorating, "Ride on the Side" opportunities with judges Eliza Banks and Heidi Lemack, a farrier demo and Q&A with Jason Beck, a meet and greet with Silva Martin, and a very special Grand Prix Freestyle demo with Jaime Dancer and Viveur, after which Jaime handed the reins over to leadline rider Addison.



pictured: Jaime Dancer, Grand Prix horse Viveur, and Addison

We were thrilled to see so many youth competitors come together for this very special championship event.

Team Champion: Riding Right Winners - Valentina Culnen, Bella Perkins, Maya Ryan, Petra Sederstrom

Team Reserve Champion: LVDA Senior - Lauren Anderson, McKinley Masiko, Molly Rutherford, Sophie Rutherford

For more Team Results, go to: <https://dressage4kids.org/d4k-festival/festival-news-results/2025-team-results.html>

Overall Individual Champion: Sophie Rutherford

Overall Individual Reserve Champion: Bella Perkins

FEI Junior and Above Division Champion: Bella Perkins

Second and Third Level Combined Division Champion: Charlotte Bodkin

First Level Division Champion: Sophie Rutherford

Training Level Ages 16-22 Division Champion: Jacob Sank

Training Level Ages 14-15 Division Champion: Zoey Shedden

Training Level Ages 10-13 Division Champion: Ava Young

Walk/Trot/Canter Ages 14-25 Division Champion: Gianna Calabro

Walk/Trot/Canter Ages 9-12 Division Champion: Emilia Dostal

Walk/Trot Division Champion: Priya Roopnarine

For more Individual Championships Results, go to: <https://dressage4kids.org/d4k-festival/festival-news-results/>

For Special Awards Results, go to: <https://dressage4kids.org/d4k-festival/festival-news-results/2025-special-awards.html>

For pictures, go to: <https://akdragoophoto.zenfolio.com/f262966404>

Thank you to all the show staff, judges, scribes, stewards, farrier, vet, announcer, EMT, D4K show organizers, volunteers, and sponsors!

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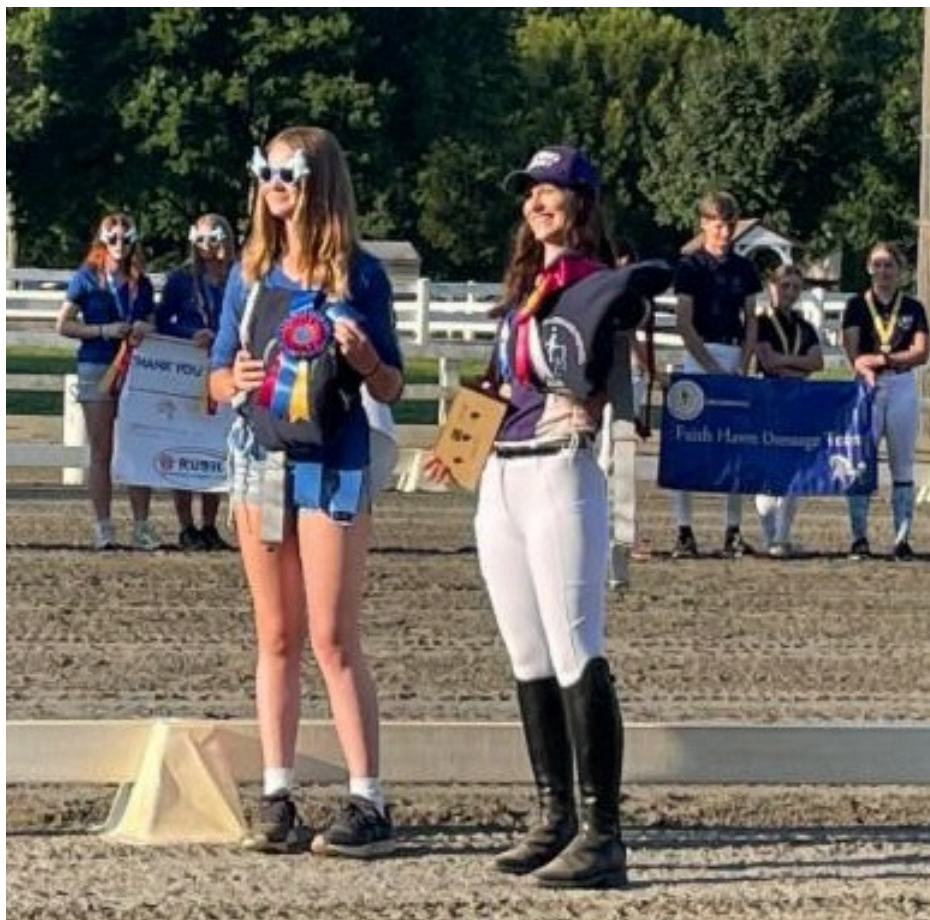
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Emilia Dostal

Thank you to show volunteers, judges, and office staff:

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Laura Adriaanse	Amanda Gifford	Anne Moss
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Eliza Banks	Megan Heeder	Julia Reed
Paul Beaumier	Barbara Johnson	Aubri Richards
Lochlan Bertrand	Jen Koch	Claire Romano
Ellen Brindle-Clark	Heidi Lemack	Sara Schmitt
Jean Collins	Josephine Livernois	Susan Sieber
Jaime Dancer	Cathy Lycholaj	Timmy Sieber
Debbie DelGiorno	Silva Martin	Susan Jones Sinelnik
Nicole DelGiorno	Sue Mattos	Elizabeth Stinson
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Barbara Filippelli	Courtney Mooney	



Congratulations NAYC Competitors!

Congratulations to all the young riders who qualified for the 2025 Discover Dressage/FEI North American Youth Dressage Championship presented by USDF held during the FEI North American Youth Championships!

A special shoutout to the incredible Dressage4Kids participants who qualified - we're proud to share that 70% of this year's competitors are D4K participants. We're so proud of your hard work, dedication, and passion for the sport.

USDF Region 1

-USDF Region 1 Children: [Blakely Begonia](#) and Lomansheide Brent, and [Claire Barahona](#) and Morisco HGF.

-USDF Region 1 Juniors: [Sophie Rutherford](#) and Twist of Fate, and [Marley McCourt](#) and Hide D4K.

-USDF Region 1 Young Riders: Georgia Brame and Hot Date, and [Ava Noone](#) and Gucci.

USDF Region 2

-USDF Region 2 Children: [Grace Christianson](#) and FHF Roulee, Madelynn Williams and FHF Cahlua and Vee Dravilas and Rococo.

-USDF Region 2 Juniors: [Riley Warner](#) and Federer.

-USDF Region 2 Young Riders: Autumn Vavrick and Dante, [Marin Roth](#) and Erin Meadows Jagermeister, and Nicole Lang and Jagger DG.

USDF Region 3

-USDF Region 3 Children: [Gianna Foley](#) and Happy Khan.

-USDF Region 3 Juniors: [Alexis Troutman](#) and Mondo 'L', [Lauren Polk](#) and Donauwelle P, Eila Fisk and Quaresma and Lark Heckman and Franzissimo.

-USDF Region 3 Young Riders: [Virginia Woodcock](#) and Mollegardens Sans-Souci, Allison Berger and Summersby II, and [Phoebe Keliher](#) and Cheraton.

USDF Region 4

-USDF Region 4 Children: [Piper Hill](#) and Reinder.

-USDF Region 4 Juniors: [Ella O'Neil](#) and Superman, [Claire Tucker](#) and Finnur, and [Adelynn Nelson](#) and Custom Made V.

-USDF Region 4 Young Riders: Lexie Kment and Gatino Van Hof Olympia, Ella Fruchterman and Holts Le'Mans, [Averi Allen](#) and Silhouette.

USDF Region 5

-USDF Region 5 Juniors: [Catherine Burlew](#) and Hojgaardens Scirocco, and [Bailey Armbrecht](#) and Night'n Dale.

-USDF Region 5 Young Riders: [Nicola Valentine](#) and Everdeen, [Kali Riddell](#) and Galaxy Quest, [Katherine Nayak](#) and Flower-Power, and [Taylor Karriker](#) and Zaltamonte.

USDF Region 6

-USDF Region 6 Children: Maverick Wright and Maple Lane Kero, [Adelyn Burris](#) and Outrageous, and Sophia Eriksson and Ronvair.

-USDF Region 6 Young Riders: [Olivia Martz](#) and Rihanna Ymas, [Trinity Schatzel](#) and Hercules, and Ella Insko and Falcon.

USDF Region 7

-USDF Region 7 Children: [Ryder Mosqueda](#) and Atlantico XLVI, and Anika Meenal Mujumdar and Bekelaar's Nelson.

-USDF Region 7 Juniors: [Mia Folk](#) and Gezario, and [Sage Chacon](#) and Apfelkorn.

-USDF Region 7 Young Riders: Anna Yost and Irieno-S, [Emme Chisholm](#) and Improv, and Grace Duggan and Farruco LXXXIX.

USDF Region 8

-USDF Region 8 Children: [Juliana Sardelli](#) and Cupid.

-USDF Region 8 Young Riders: [Quentin Sloan](#) and Finn.

USDF Region 9

-USDF Region 9 Children: [Charlotte Garver](#) and Parisiane, and [Zoe Lewis](#) and PL Café Au Lait.

-USDF Region 9 Juniors: [MK Connatser](#) and Schnell's Highlight and [Sage Smith](#) and Journey C.

-USDF Region 9 Young Riders: [Adeline Batcheller](#) and Luminosity JP, [Nathan Morehead](#) and Bon Matin, and [Catherine Schmidt](#) and Fontainebleau JCD.

Congratulations to Festival of Champions Competitors!

The U.S. Dressage Festival of Champions showcases the top athletes and horses in 17 divisions which includes the USEF Para Dressage National Championships and was held August 18-24 at HITS Lamplight Equestrian Center in Wayne, Illinois.

Over 50% of competitors in the youth classes - FEI Children, FEI Pony, FEI Junior, FEI Young Rider, FEI U25 Grand Prix, Dressage Seat Medal Finals Ages 13 & Under and Dressage Seat Medal Finals Ages 14-18 - were D4K participants. Congratulations to all!

D4K UP Meet and Greet with Gareth Hughes

Dressage4Kids is pleased to announce a special meet and greet with Gareth Hughes during the 2025 Absorbine/NEDA Symposium!

When: October 18, 2025 during the 2025 Absorbine/NEDA Symposium, immediately following the last ride of the day

Where: Mount Holyoke College Equestrian Center in South Hadley, Massachusetts

Who: This special Dressage4Kids UP Meet and Greet with Gareth Hughes is open to all youth ages 25 and under.

All youth who wish to participate in the Dressage4Kids Youth Meet and Greet must also have purchased a NEDA auditor ticket for Saturday, October 18th. NEDA auditor tickets can be purchased online at https://neda.org/symposium_auditor_info.php.

To sign up for the D4K UP Meet and Greet, go to:

<https://dressage4kids.org/programs/d4k-unmounted-programs/d4k-up-with-gareth-hughes.html>

Don't miss your chance to chat with and ask questions of one of the best riders/trainers in the world.

National Hippology Academy

IEA is proud to introduce the National Hippology Academy. This re-branding of the Horsemanship Program offers both IEA Rider Members and non-rider members of all ages equine educational opportunities.

The National Hippology Academy aims to provide:

- Educational materials on hippology
- Seasonal Educational Series
- Social media competitions and engagements
- Exclusive guest speakers
- The National Hippology Academy Quiz Series

IEA youth members will have the option to enroll when they register to join a team.

To participate as a Junior Education Member (non-riding), parents should visit the [JOIN page](#) and register for an account in the new AccessIEA member database. Once registered, the parent can enroll their child as a Junior Education Member (JEM).

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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