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## Dressage4Kids Calendar

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

### May

May 3-4 D4K TEAM Clinic at Noble Steeds in Canton, Georgia  
May 10-11 D4K TEAM Clinic at Windy Knoll Farm in Magnolia, Texas  
May 17-18 D4K TEAM Clinic at Faith Hill Farm in East Greenwich, Rhode Island

### June

June 7-8 D4K TEAM Clinic at Meadowbrook Equestrian Center in Naples, Maine  
June 14-15 D4K TEAM Clinic at Cadence Ranch in Hutto, Texas  
June 17-19 D4K Horsemastership Clinic at Hilltop Farm in Colora, Maryland  
June 21-22 Region 1 Youth Dressage Team Challenge at Rose Mount Farm in Spotsylvania Courthouse, Virginia  
June 28-29 D4K TEAM Clinic at Rancho Santa Fe in Bloomington, Michigan

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## D4K Horsemastership Clinic Applications Due May 15

Dressage4Kids Horsemastership Clinic at Hilltop Farm in Colora, Maryland

June 17-19, 2025

Dressage4Kids is excited to offer a D4K Horsemastership Clinic at Hilltop Farm in Colora, Maryland with guest instructor Olympian Allison Brock. The current schedule for the clinic is as follows:

- June 17: riders and horses arrive in the morning, Opening Remarks at 10:00am, lectures throughout the day, arena familiarization permitted in the afternoon
- June 18: fitness, lectures, and lessons with Allison Brock
- June 19: fitness, lectures, and lessons with Allison Brock

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

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

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## Meet Youth Dressage Festival Competitor Madeline Fasse

Madeline Fasse was the Second and Third Level Division Champion of YDF 2024 with her horse, Filia.

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

Madeline: I have been competing at D4K for 3 years now.

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

Madeline: My favorite part about YDF this year was being with my friends that I have met through D4K and meeting so many new people.

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

Madeline: When I found out I was Division Champion I was very proud. I have had so many challenges with my horse, Filia, and I was very happy to see all our hard work pay off.

Q: What are your future riding goals/plans?

Madeline: My future riding goals are to go to Festival of Champions at Lamplight and compete at NAYC.

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

Madeline: I am definitely coming to YDF next year! I love being with my team and I have so much fun at the Festival.

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

Madeline: My horse, Filia, is a 16 year old Westphalian mare. We are currently competing 3rd Level and FEI Juniors.

Q: Are there any funny quirks about your horse?

Madeline: Filia has many quirks. She loves bananas more than anything else. She also will not lay down to sleep unless we are at a show.

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

Madeline: Bananas and sugar cubes.

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

Madeline: I think Filia's favorite class at D4K is the Trail Class because she likes eating the carrots when she isn't supposed to.

Q: What's your horse's favorite dressage movement to perform?

Madeline: Filia's favorite dressage move is the extended trot and extended canter. She gets very focused and her ears go forward when she knows it's coming.

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

Madeline: My team this year was a mix of people that I have met through D4K and people that have become my friends during the Festival. I love decorating the tack room and spending time and catching up with all of my friends.

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

Madeline: I would like to thank my trainers, Molly Maloney and Hannah Corjulo, for helping me be the rider I am today and my parents for supporting me in my riding.

For more information about the upcoming 2025 Lendon's Youth Dressage Festival, go to: <https://dressage4kids.org/d4k-festival/>



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## Lendon's Youth Dressage Festival Required Reading

Many thanks to Trafalgar Square Books for offering a discount to Dressage4Kids!

Place your order at <https://trafalgarbooks.com> and receive 25% off when you use the code D4K2025 at checkout. Thank you Trafalgar Square Books!

### ALL AGES

2025 Lendon's Youth Dressage Festival Prize List  
Rules of Riding with Others in the Ring

And additional requirements as follows:

### AGES 11 AND UNDER

*The Kid's Guide to Horsemanship and Grooming* by Cat Hill and Emma Ford (entire book)

### AGES 12-15

Ingrid Klimke's *Riding Out* (Entire Book)

*Horse Brain Human Brain: The Neuroscience of Horsemanship* by Janet L. Jones, PhD  
(chapters to be selected and announced)

AGES 16-25

Ingrid Klimke's *Riding Out* (Entire Book)

*Horse Brain Human Brain: The Neuroscience of Horsemanship* by Janet L. Jones, PhD  
(entire book)

Ages 26 and older (Alumni Division)

There is no required reading for this Division. Questions will test general knowledge and trivia.

Place your order at <https://trafalgarbooks.com> and receive 25% off when you use the code D4K2025 at checkout. Thank you Trafalgar Square Books!

Please keep in mind that the FEI age rule applies, which means that as of 1st January, the rider is considered whatever age he/she will reach during that calendar year. For example, if the rider turns 14 anytime during the year 2025, the rider is considered to be 14 for the competition and should read the required reading materials for age 14.

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## D4K TEAM Clinic Experience

D4K was a great learning and trust building opportunity. I learned how to leg yield at the walk and the trot. I found that leg yielding is something very important for me to learn because it will help me get my horse's left lead canter and help him with his stiffness.

Another thing that I enjoyed was the trust building I got to do with my horse. I found D4K trust building because it was my first time off property with my horse and our first time riding together in a new arena with a new instructor. Lastly, I found that watching the other riders and learning from their experiences was very helpful. Overall D4k was a great experience and I feel more ready for showing this year.

- D4K TEAM member Michaela Olberding on her recent TEAM Clinic Experience

If you are interested in hosting a TEAM Clinic, please reach out to Mary at [d4k.org@gmail.com](mailto:d4k.org@gmail.com).

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## D4K Winter Intensive Training Program Training Grant Sponsored by Renee Isler

Thanks to the generosity of Renee Isler, Dressage4Kids is able to offer one Winter Intensive Training (WIT) Program Training Grant, sponsored by Renee Isler, in the amount of \$1,000.

To be eligible for a Winter Intensive Program Training Grant, sponsored by Renee Isler, applicants must be 25 or under and have either participated in a Dressage4Kids, Inc. program or assisted with a D4K program as a volunteer. Dressage4Kids Programs include the Youth Dressage Festival, Unmounted Programs (UP), the TEAM Program, the SIT Program, the WIT Program, and Training4Teaching.

Applicants must also have already been accepted to the D4K Winter Intensive Training Program (WIT) located in Wellington, Florida.

For more information, including how to apply, go to:  
<https://dressage4kids.org/scholarships/renee-isler-wit-scholarship.html>

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## American Connemara Pony Society Scholarship

## **Application Deadline June 1**

This scholarship is generously sponsored by the American Connemara Pony Society.

To be eligible for an American Connemara Pony Society Scholarship, applicants must be 25 or under, must be a member of the American Connemara Pony Society (ACPS), and must be riding a registered Connemara (may include half bred or quarter bred).

Scholarship funds must be used for a specific Dressage4Kids activity that may include: the D4K TEAM Program, the D4K SIT Program, the D4K WIT Program, the D4K Training4Teaching Program, the D4K UP Program, or the Dressage4Kids Lendon's Youth Dressage Festival.

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

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

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## **Norwegian Fjord Horse Alliance Wendy Luscombe Memorial D4K Scholarship Application Deadline July 1**

The Norwegian Fjord Horse Alliance (NFHA) is offering a \$500 scholarship to support a youth rider competing on a Norwegian Fjord at the 2025 Dressage4Kids (D4K) Youth Dressage Festival, held at the Horse Park of New Jersey in Allentown, NJ.

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

<https://www.fjordalliance.org/wendy-luscombe-scholarship>

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## **Youth Dressage FUNdation! Youth Recognized Dressage Awards**

The Youth Dressage FUNdation, Inc. is proudly presenting a NEW special awards opportunity for youth dressage riders to encourage participation in recognized dressage shows. Registration in this nationwide year end awards program is FREE of charge for 2025 and will be awarded by rider's age and level.

Introductory classes and Opportunity classes do not require memberships through USDF or USEF for the horse or the rider.

Awards divisions are as follows, using FEI age rules. The rider's age is the age they will turn this calendar year.

Youth = 12 & Under

Teen = 13-17 years old

Graduate = 18-21 years old

Awards will be given for each division at each of the following levels:

Introductory Level

Training Level

First Level

Second Level

Third Level

Fourth Level

\*FEI equivalencies are not applicable for these awards.

For more information, go to: <https://www.youthdressagefoundation.org/youth-recognized-dressage-awards>

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# The Dressage Foundation Dream Program Aachen Participants Announced

Congratulations to the riders selected to participate in TDF's Dream Program: Aachen! The participants will travel as a group and will spend six days at CHIO Aachen in July. All of the participants this year are also D4K participants.

Tessa Holloran (FL, Region 3): Tessa has been riding dressage for 13 years with Dressage4Kids and trains and is a working student for Ali Brock. She is currently competing at PSG. Tessa is a full-time student at Florida Atlantic and is studying finance. Tessa has a long history of volunteerism and is a captain for the recently created D4K ACT program (which TDF helped fund!).

Genevieve Oliver (PA, Region 1): Genevieve is 22 and has been riding dressage for seven years now. She trains with Oliva LaGoy-Weltz and George Williams. She has also been a working student for Olivia and Sally Lofting. Genevieve plans to compete at PSG/I-1 this year. Her goals include becoming a professional trainer and completing her BA at Penn.

Quinn Ridgway (NJ, Region 1): Quinn is 22 and has been riding dressage for 12 years. She trains with Nicole DelGiorno and has been involved with Dressage4Kids. She has volunteered as a scribe at NAYC and volunteers each year at Dressage at Devon. She hopes to continue to help run her family boarding facility. She has a passion for ponies and would like to train ponies for kids and to help grow a FEI Pony Division. She was the 2024 recipient of D4K's Christian Kennedy Scholarship.

Paige Zimmerman (PA, Region 1): Paige is 22 and has been riding dressage for 10 years. She currently trains and is a working student with Olivia Steidle and also works with Dr. Jenny Susser as her sports psychology coach. Paige is preparing to compete in PSG this summer. Paige has a long history of volunteering with her GMO and was a PM Delegate for Region 1 the past two years.

To learn more about TDF's Dream Program, go to:

<https://www.dressagefoundation.org/grants-and-programs/apply/young/dream.html>

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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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