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Dressage4Kids Calendar

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

July

July 2-29 D4K Summer Intensive Training Program at Hampton Green Farm in Fruitport, Michigan

August

August 8-10 D4K Lendon's Youth Dressage Festival at the Horse Park of New Jersey in Allentown, New Jersey

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

D4K Christian Kennedy Scholarships Applications due July 15

Applications are open for 3 very special scholarships in memory of Christian Kennedy:

\$15,000 D4K Christian Kennedy Young Adult Scholarship to train with Oded Shimoni
learn more at: <https://dressage4kids.org/scholarships/christian-kennedy-memorial-fund-scholarships/d4k-christian-kennedy-young-adult-scholarship.html>

\$10,000 D4K Christian Kennedy Training Grant

learn more at: <https://dressage4kids.org/scholarships/christian-kennedy-memorial-fund-scholarships/d4k-christian-kennedy-training-grant.html>

D4K Christian Kennedy Training with Lars Petersen Scholarship

learn more at: <https://dressage4kids.org/scholarships/christian-kennedy-memorial-fund-scholarships/d4k-christian-kennedy-training-with-lars-petersen.html>

Many thanks to Anne Baber Wallis, OS Dressage, Lars Petersen, and all those who help make these scholarship opportunities possible.

Lendon's Youth Dressage Festival Entries are Open

Entries are open for Lendon's Youth Dressage Festival! All levels are welcome!

[Click here to enter](#)

D4K WIT Interview with Quinn Iverson

As part of the Dressage4Kids 2025 Winter Intensive Training Program, participants are given the opportunity to interview an equine professional. WITee Abbie Taft interviewed Quinn Iverson. Excerpts from the interview:

Quinn Iverson is a 26 year old dressage rider from Roseburg, Oregon. She grew up riding with her mom doing a little bit of everything from jumping to dressage. She also participated in Pony Club. Quinn's first big opportunity came in 2014 when she was participating in a clinic with Debbie McDonald in Oregon.

At Debbie's barn and now Adrienne's, Quinn has been consistently surrounded by quality riding, training, and horses. This has been both inspiring and educational for her growing up. Quinn says that you can always take at least one thing from everybody. Part of what makes individual riders valuable, is their unique toolboxes. A rider's "toolbox" is a collection of all the little pieces of information that they have gathered along the way.

Every trainer also has their strengths and weaknesses, so she stresses that it is important to always have an open mind. Quinn's biggest advice for aspiring professionals was to always be kind and always have an open mind. She met her sponsor at the age of four at a boarding barn. Even though she did not begin to sponsor Quinn for several years, Quinn says that it never hurts to be kind and it may even pay off. You never know when an opportunity may come up. Having an open mind is so important in training. It is important to always have a growth mindset, and remember that there is always at least one thing to take away from every opportunity.

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

Absorbine/NEDA Symposium Youth Discount

Absorbine/NEDA Symposium with Gareth Hughes

October 18-19th

Mount Holyoke College Equestrian Center in South Hadley, MA

Special ticket prices thanks to donor support!

Youth (Under 25)

Member Registration Opens June 9, 2025
NON-Member Registration Opens July 9, 2025

Youth Tickets are \$80 for one day or \$130 for both days

For more information about auditing the symposium, go to:
https://neda.org/symposium_auditor_info.php

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.

[Click here for more information and to register for the Meet and Greet with Gareth Hughes](#)

The Horse in Sport 1987 BBC Documentary Series

Produced by acclaimed filmmaker Revel Guest, the documentary aired on the BBC and was produced in partnership with Australia's Channel 4.

The series can be viewed on YouTube, and the links to the dressage portions are as follows:

[Dressage Part 1](#)

[Dressage Part 2](#)

USDF Youth Programs - upcoming deadlines

USEF Youth Sportsman's Award
Applications are due by August 15
<https://usdf.org/awards/other-awards/youth-sportsman.asp>

Youth Volunteer of the Year
Nominations are due by August 31
<https://usdf.org/awards/service/youth-voy.asp>

Youth Convention Scholarship
Applications are due by August 31
<https://usdf.org/awards/other-awards/youth-convention-scholarship.asp>

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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