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Dressage4Kids Calendar

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

December

December 6-7 D4K TEAM Clinic at Kalie Beckers Dressage in Folsom, Louisiana

January

January 2-March 29 D4K WIT Program at Top Meadow Farm in Wellington, Florida

January 19 D4K Training4Teaching Panel Discussion at the Wellington National Golf Club in Wellington, Florida

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

It's not too late to give!

Thank you to everyone who has already supported our annual appeal!

If you haven't had a moment to give yet, we hope you'll consider making a donation to Dressage4Kids. Your generosity helps us keep programs free or low-cost and ensures that riders across the country find opportunities they may not otherwise have. Every donation, large or small, helps us keep our programs accessible. Thank you for considering Dressage4Kids in your year-end giving.

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Meet D4K Lendon's Youth Dressage Festival Competitor Charlotte Bodkin

Charlotte Bodkin won the combined Second and Third Level Division at Lendon's Youth

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

Charlotte: This was my first year competing at Lendon's Youth Dressage Festival. I am so excited that I decided to compete this year and this show helped me gain more confidence in the show ring!

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

Charlotte: My reaction when I found out I was Division Champion was confused, yet shocked as it was my first year and I was the youngest rider in my division. But, super happy to know that all Frasier's + my hard work paid off!

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

Charlotte: My lease horse's show name is Finish In The Blue, and his barn name is Frasier! He is a Bay Oldenburg yet despite his older age, always performs to his highest! We like to say he has a bit of an old-man personality as he does not get frightened by anything and probably knows more than we do! Overall, he is an amazing, chill, stunning horse who does his job very well!

Q: What's your horse's "superpower" in the show ring?

Charlotte: Frasier's "superpower" in the show ring is his ability to remain calm and collected even when so many distractions are happening! Even when I have anxiety about showing, I know that he does not, and will perform just like the way we practiced at home!

Q: If your horse could talk, what's something they might say to you?

Charlotte: If Frasier could talk, he might say "Where's my treat?" "Where's my fan?" or "Can I take a nap now?"

Q: Is there anyone whom you would like to thank for helping you on your dressage/riding journey?

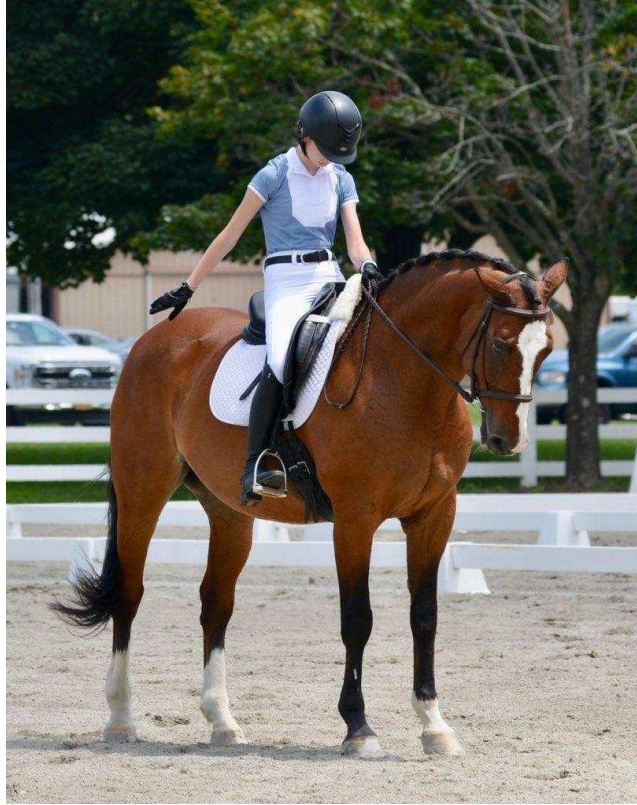
Charlotte: I would like to give a huge thanks to my trainers, Carol and Olivia. Also, thank you so much to my barn, WillsWay Equestrian Center for letting me lease this talented boy and aiding me through my dressage journey. Plus, of course my parents for supporting me through my whole riding journey and funding this expensive sport!

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

Charlotte: Thank you so much to everyone who helped organize Lendon's Youth D4K Dressage Festival, I had the best time and hope to see you guys again next year!

For more information about D4K Lendon's Youth Dressage Festival, go to:

<https://dressage4kids.org/d4k-festival/>



D4K Lendon's Youth Dressage Festival 2026 Save the Date!

SAVE THE DATE



Lendon's Youth Dressage Festival



August 7-9, 2026

Horse Park of New Jersey

When & where?

August 7-9, 2026 at the Horse Park of New Jersey

What is it?

Lendon's Youth Dressage Festival is a one-of-a-kind Championships for individuals and teams – packed with learning, fun, and community.

Who can join?

Riders of all levels, ages 4 through 25, plus alumni.

What's offered?

Individual Division Championships

Three phases make up your total score:

- Written Test (online during the show, multiple choice)
- Dressage Test
- Equitation Class

Classes are grouped by level and age.

Team Championships

Teams of 3-4 riders (any levels, including Walk/Trot)

The top 3 Individual Division scores make up the team score – no extra rides needed

Optional Classes

Schooling Show · Judging Sport Horse Conformation · Handler

Class · Quadrille · Leadline · Dressage Trail · Prix Caprilli · Turnout Inspection · Musical Freestyle · Costume Class · Tackroom Decorating Competition · Cover Art Contest

Fun Extras

Scavenger Hunt · Educational Activities · Meet & Greet · Stable Management Challenge · Trainers Forum

Thank You to 2025 TEAM Clinic Speakers

Thank you to all the 2025 TEAM Clinic Speakers!

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| Colleen Akin | Gabrielle DeRossi | Zach Kaup | Teresa Parsons |
| Ashley Alexander | Natalie DiBerardinis | Dr. Laurelyn Keener | Bill Pendergraft |
| Dr. Kim Allshouse | Jessica Fan | Brianna Krause | Kate Poulin |
| Dr. Lynn Applegate | Jackie Finlayson | Doug Leavitt | Dr. Jessica Quillivan |
| Liz Austin | Heidi Fowler | Marsha Lewis | Brandi Roenick VonderHaar |
| Matt Baillargeon | Mark Fowler | Jack Lieser | Prissy Rummel |
| Kalie Beckers | Paige Freeland | Maria Lithander | Dr. Nicolette Santercangelo |
| Gerlinde Beckers | Ellissa Gaines | Liv Maddie | Viviana Selner |
| Cassidy Bedard | Amy Goodman-Seale | Robin Marie | Victoria Sherras |
| KC Betzel | Lacy Halstead | Mandi Martyn | Ellie Sloan |
| Robin Birk | Dr. Shelby Haryslak | Hollie McNeil | Lara Sloan |
| Marie Bova | Allie Haydon | Teena Middleton | Wayne Sodowsky |
| Michael Bragdoll | Tracy Hobbs | Peggy Miles | Andras Szeiberth |
| Ali Brock | Todd Huber | Dr. Chelsey Miller | Sarah Tubman |
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| Karry Brothers | Helen Ingersol | Liz Molloy | Lee Tubman |
| Dr. Sarah Colmer | Jenny Johnson | Jessica Palvino | Dr. Jeff Vigue |
| Willie Core | Sam Kacir | Dr. John Parks | Linda Will |

We are scheduling TEAM Clinics for 2026. If you are interested in hosting a D4K TEAM Clinic, please reach out to Mary at d4k.org@gmail.com.

D4K Participants at the CDI Mexico

FEI Children's and Junior dressage riders were invited to take part in the CDI -W, November 7-9, at Rancho St. Vincent, just outside Mexico City. The US riders were joined by riders from Bermuda, Cayman Islands, Columbia, Costa Rica, Ecuador, Mexico, Trinidad and Tobago.

CDIJ Juniors on Borrowed Horses, Individual Results:

1st: Bennett McWhorter, USA

2nd: Gabriela Arango Azcarate, Colombia

3rd: Claire Tucker, USA

Team Results:

1st place team included Bennett McWhorter, USA

2nd place team included Camila Tossas, USA

3rd place team included Austin Hermann, USA and Claire Tucker, USA

Participating riders from the USA:

Lark Heckman

Austin Hermann

Bennett McWhorter

Camila Tossas

Claire Tucker

Chef/Coach:

Maria Lithander



1st: Bennett McWhorter, USA, CDIJ Juniors on Borrowed Horses, photo credit: Lukasz



FEI Children and FEI Junior riders with Justin Verboomen, photo credit: Lukasz Kowalski



Gabriela Arango Azcarate, Colombia; Bennett McWhorter, USA; Claire Tucker, USA; photo credit: Lukasz Kowalski

D4K Training4Teaching January 19, 2026

D4K Training4Teaching

"Training in Harmony: A Toolkit for Both Horse and Rider" with Ali Brock,

Date: January 19, 2026

Time: 6:00pm Complimentary Hors d'Oeuvres and Cash Bar followed by 7:00pm Panel Discussion

Where: Wellington National Golf Club, 400 Binks Forest Drive, Wellington, Florida

All are welcome to attend. Registration in advance is required. Donations to support our programs are appreciated.

[Click here to register.](#)



Dressage4Kids™ Training4Teaching Program

Monday
January 19, 2026

**“Training in Harmony:
A Toolkit for Both Horse and Rider”**

moderator Lendon Gray with panelists:

Ali Brock
Christoph Koschel
Adrienne Lyle
Lars Petersen

6:00pm Complimentary Hors d'Oeuvres and Cash Bar
7:00pm Panel Discussion

Wellington National Golf Club
400 Binks Forest Dr • Wellington, FL

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TDF Amelia's "Dressage for All" Youth Fund

The Dressage Foundation (TDF) is pleased to announce the creation of its new "Amelia's 'Dressage for All' Youth Fund," established by FEI trainer and competitor Amelia Newcomb and friends. The goal of this Fund is to recognize and support young dressage riders who love horses, have a passion for the sport, and work hard for opportunities.

Beginning in 2026, Amelia's "Dressage for All" Youth Fund will provide five annual \$1,000 grants to youth and young adult riders (age 25 and under) who are riding and training any breed of horse at any level, to aid in their development of dressage. Applications will be due April 1, 2026.

[Click here to learn more.](#)

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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