

# About Dressage4Kids, Inc.

Dressage4Kids, Inc. is a non-profit 501 (c) (3) organization incorporated for the express purpose of providing educational and competitive opportunities for youth riders.

## MISSION STATEMENT

To encourage riders under 21 to become true horsemen with correct position, competitive skills and knowledge of all aspects of riding and horse care; to offer scholarships to enable competitors to further their education; to have fun and develop good sportsmanship throughout.

*To this end, Dressage4Kids, Inc. sponsors and conducts the following events throughout the year.*

### **YOUTH DRESSAGE FESTIVAL**

#### **(Formerly, The Northeast Junior/Young Rider Dressage Championships)**

This is the flagship event of Dressage4Kids, Inc. conducted in August. Instituted in 1999, the festival offers individual and team competition for riders from ages 4 through 21. Division championships feature a three-phased competition: a written test, an individual dressage test, and a group equitation ride. Divisions offered are Introductory through Fourth, FEI Pony, Junior and Young Rider and ParaEquestrian. Riders may also assemble teams and vie for the USDF Region 8 Youth Team Championships. Classes for Leadline (riders aged 4 to 8), Prix Caprilli (dressage ride incorporating jumps), Dressage Trail and Musical Freestyle are offered, as are other competitive and fun activities. For complete details, visit our website.

### **EAST COAST DRESSAGE PONY CUP**

This all-pony dressage show, instituted in 2006, is for pony-only riders of all ages competing Training Level through Grand Prix. It is held in conjunction with the Centerline Events @ HITS on the Hudson CDI event.

### **WEEKEND EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM**

A weekend of lectures and demonstrations held in January or February, presented by local and nationally renowned trainers, officials, equine law and health care practitioners and sports psychologists.

### **SCHOLARSHIPS FOR YOUTH**

Scholarships for specific equestrian educational and training opportunities in the US or abroad are available throughout the year by application for any rider who has participated in the last two years in the Youth Dressage Festival, the Weekend Educational Program or the FEI Pony Clinic.

### **FEI PONY CLINIC**

This is a just-for-ponies dressage clinic held during the summer, featuring mounted lessons and lectures. The German Pony Chef d'Equipe conducts this three-day event.

### **WEEKLY SUMMER YOUTH CLINICS**

Weekly afternoon clinics are held at Gleneden Dressage in Bedford, New York, for riders of all levels. The clinics are comprised of mounted lessons, demonstration rides and study sessions.

