

2023 REGION 5 FEI YOUTH CLINIC BIOS

Bailey Armbrecht, Crested Butte, CO – Bailey is 13 years old and has been focusing on dressage over the last few years. She has competed at the USDF finals in 2022 at Second Level and the National Youth Championships in Ocala Florida 2023 in the Children's class. She was fortunate to be able to audit the Lendon Gray D4K WIT program this past winter as well.

Bailey will be riding her own Snickers Bar. Snickers Bar is an 11-year-old American Sport Pony gelding.

Kyra Bowman, Parker, CO – Kyra Bowman is 18 years old and has always loved horses. She started riding through the US Pony Club, pursuing equestrian vaulting and show jumping before turning her full attention to dressage. Kyra has been in partnership with her mount, Beautiful Constellation, since November 2022. They are currently schooling Second Level with goal to compete at Third Level next year.

Kyra will be riding her own Beautiful Constellation. Beautiful Constellation is a 10 -year-old Belgian Warmblood gelding.

Catherine Burlew, Littleton, CO – Catherine started riding at age 3 and became a dressage enthusiast when she was 11. She currently competes at Second Level and has goals to qualify for FEI Children's at the Festival of Champions, competing at Regionals and USDF Dressage Finals at Third Level. Catherine is in 8th grade and enjoys spending time with her family and two giant schnauzers.

Catherine will be riding her own Flynn. Flynn is a 10-year-old Oldenburg gelding.

Candice Christopher, Parker, CO – Candice is an active 16-year-old that competes in dressage, foxhunting, eventing, western pleasure, and hunt seat. She also plays club volleyball, is a working student at a training barn, and performs community service in Elbert County.

Candice will be riding her own Notre Dame Z. Notre Dame Z is an 8-year-old Zangersheide mare.

Ryler Horansky, Boulder, CO– Ryler is 14 years old and a freshman at Boulder High. She has grown up around horses and when she was six years old started training with Julie Barringer-Richers, whom she still rides with today. Her goals include to compete at Second Level and to show the Pony FEI test next year. In her free time, she enjoys participating in school sports. Ryler is a member of the Boulder High Mountain Biking Team and will be a part of the tennis team in the spring. She is equally passionate about social justice and politics, as well as journalism. She looks forward to joining the Boulder High newspaper.

Ryler will be riding her own Pia. Pia is a 14-year-old Swedish Warmblood mare.

Elizabeth Petersen, Elbert, CO – Elizabeth is 19 years old and a sophomore at the Colorado School of Mines. She is majoring in electrical engineering with an emphasis in aerospace, antennas, and RF/microwave technologies. She is a USDF Bronze and Silver medalist and has qualified and competed in the North American Youth Championships in 2021 (as a Junior) and 2022 (as a Young Rider). Her long-term goal is to compete in the U-25 in the next couple years. Outside of dressage, she enjoys playing flute, reading, spending time with friends, working in the barn, or doing STEM projects.

Elizabeth will be riding Heather Petersen's Captain Brownie. Captain Brownie is a 15-year-old Westfalen gelding.

Maya Rosenthal, Boulder, CO –Maya is 12 years old and trains with Julie Barringer-Richers at Windswept Farms in Longmont, CO. She started riding in the pony hunters at the age of six and switched to dressage over two years ago. Maya and her new mount, Huelveno VI “Wee”, are building their relationship while working through Training and First Level. Maya’s goals include going to her first Regional Championships this fall and showing at the FEI Children’s level next year.

Maya will be riding her own Huelveno VI. Huelveno VI is a 16-year-old PRE gelding.

Olivia Williams, Longmont, CO – Olivia is 21 years old and has been riding dressage since she was 7. She received her Bronze Medal when she was 13 and her Silver Medal in 2021. Olivia participated in NAYC and Festival of Champions in 2022 and 2023 as a Young Rider. She hopes to move onto the small tour and eventually compete in the Brentina Cup thereafter. Olivia is training at PSG and I1 with Sue Martin.

Olivia will be riding her own Ronaldo. Ronaldo is a 13-year-old Hanoverian gelding.