

## 2023 REGION 9 FEI YOUTH CLINIC BIOS

**Alexandra Garvey, Dallas TX** – Alex has participated in Dressage4Kids Winter Intensive Training program the past two winters in Florida. This year she was the Seat Medal 13 and Under Champion and placed third overall in the Pony FEI division at the Festival of Champions. Alex is thankful to Jodie Kelly and Nancy Hinz for teaching and mentoring her.

Alexandra will be riding her D4K lease Unscripted. Unscripted is an 18-year-old Dutch Warmblood gelding.

**Ruby Lewis, Elgin, TX** – Ruby is 15 years old USDF Bronze medalist and is proud to be a part of the Texas Heat Pony Club. She has achieved a C2 rating in dressage and is studying for her H-B. Ruby enjoys mentoring younger riders and volunteering and attending clinics, schooling shows, and recognized dressage shows with her mom and sister. Ruby plans to start showing her clinic mount in the Junior division next year. She would like to qualify for Festival of Champions for both equitation and Juniors.

Ruby will be riding Marsha Lewis' Lil Miss Sunshine. Lil Miss Sunshine is a 10 -year-old Connemara Cross mare.

**Zoe Lewis, Elgin, TX** – Zoe is 12 years old and has been riding since she was very young. She works with numerous trainers such as her mother, Marsha Lewis, Claire Darnell, Christine Calao, Mary Wanless, and Tom Curtin. Zoe has reached a rating of D-3 and is working on her C-1 with the United States Pony Club. Zoe volunteers at USDF recognized and schooling dressage shows while competing at Training, First, and Second levels. Her goals include competing at Regional Championships and to qualify at equitation finals at the Festival of Champions. She also wants to compete in Children's and Pony FEI events as well.

Zoe will be riding PL Café Au Lait. PL Café Au Lait is a 10 -year-old Connemara Cross mare.

**Alyssa Longoria, Montgomery, TX** – Alyssa is 13 years old and is taking advanced 8<sup>th</sup> grade core classes such as FFA (horse judging), Animal Science, and Wildlife Management. She earned her USDF Bronze Medal and hopes to compete at NYAC next year and on the US Dressage team when she is older. Alyssa is currently competing at Training and First Level.

Alyssa will be riding Birgitt Dagge's Walk of Fame. Walk of Fame is a 17-year-old Zweibrucker gelding.

**Mallory Macomber, Benbrook, TX** – Mallory is 14 years old and has been studying dressage for 6 years. She earned her USDF Bronze and Silver medals and competed at Festival of Champions for the past two years. Mallory plans to compete at NAYC this year.

Mallory will be riding her own Cambridge. Cambridge is a 17-year-old Holsteiner gelding.

**Sloane Macomber, Benbrook, TX** – Sloane is a 15-year-old dressage rider competing at Juniors, Fourth level and Prix St. George. Next year, Sloane hopes to compete at Juniors at NAYC and Festival of Champions. She takes virtual lessons with her trainer Hans Jurgen Boone twice a week.

Sloane will be riding her own Elburg T. Elburg T is a 14-year-old Dutch Warmblood gelding.

**Nathan Morehead, Cedar Park, TX** – Nathan joins us from just outside of Austin and has earned his USDF Bronze medal. This year he hopes to show at Prix St. George and FEI Juniors. He is 17 years old and currently applying to college.

Nathan will be riding his own Ziggy Stardust RSH. Ziggy Stardust RSH is an 11-year-old Canadian Warmblood gelding.

**Catherine Schmidt, Houston, TX** – Catherine Schmidt is a 15-year-old rider. One of her horses, Peregrino MR is currently competing at FEI Juniors with hopes of moving to Young Riders soon. She has previously competed at Festival of Champions at FEI Childrens in 2020.

Catherine will be riding her own Peregrino MR. Peregrino MR is an 8-year-old Andalusian gelding.