

2025 REGION 4 FEI YOUTH CLINIC BIOS

Cece Holst – Cece is 21 years old and joining us with her mare SF Serenade (Lyric). They are currently showing PSG and schooling I1. Cece is grateful for her journey with Lyric and hopes to continue developing her all the way to the Grand Prix.

Cece will be riding her own SF Serenade. SF Serenade is a 14-year-old Hanoverian Cross mare.

Tillie Jones – Tillie is not only hosting this clinic but joining us a rider too. She has an extensive competition record showing at NAYC as both a Junior and in Young Rider multiple times. This year she returned as the Chef d'Equipe for the Region 4 Junior Team. Tillie is working towards her USDF Gold Medal and hopes to train her current mount up Grand Prix.

Tillie will be riding her own Cilla Franchesca CF. Cilla Franchesca CF is a 9-year-old Oldenburg mare.

Darian Kauk –Darian is a dedicated young dressage rider with over seven years of riding experience and five years of competing in dressage. Her goals with her mount, Celoso Ta, include competing in the FEI Young Rider division and earning her USDF Silver Medal.

Darian will be riding her own Celoso Ta. Celoso Tas is a 9-year-old, Pure Raza Espanola gelding.

Emma Lavin -Emma joins us from Sioux Falls, ID and has earned her USDF Bronze, Silver and Gold medals. She has been specializing in dressage for nine years and has brought her mount, Bella Mia to Grand Prix.

Emma will be riding her own Bella Mia. Bella Mia is a 14-year-old Swedish Warmblood mare.

Adalynn Nelson – Adalynn Nelson is a 14-year-old junior rider from Marion, Iowa. Currently she is competing at the FEI Junior level with her horse, Custom Made. She represented Region 4 at the 2025 North American Youth Championships. Adalynn has also earned her USDF Bronze medal.

Adalynn will be riding her own Custom Made. Custom Made is a 13-year-old Danish Warmblood gelding.

Ella O'Neil – Ella is 16 years old and joins us from Olathe, Kansas. Ella recently represented Region 4 at the 2025 NAYC with her mount, Superman winning gold in the Junior Individual test.

Ella will be riding Unbridled Fury. Unbridled Fury is a 5-year-old Belgian Warmblood gelding owned by Lindsay O'Neil.

Sage Smith – Sage is 17 years old and hails from Crescent, Oklahoma. Sage recently placed second at this year's NAYC in the Junior Team division riding on a combined team from Region 7 and Region 9. Her future goals include moving up the levels with her mount to Grand Prix.

Sage will be riding her own Journey C. Journey C is an 11-year-old Dutch Warmblood mare.

Ashley Steckelberg – Ashely is 17 years old from Lincoln, Nebraska. She is a senior in high school and splits her time between the classroom and barn. Ashley has earned her USDF Bronze Medal and would like to qualify for Festival of Champions next year.

Ashley will be riding her own Royal Jazz. Royal Jazz is a 9-year-old Hanoverian gelding.

Claire Tucker –Claire is a 16-year-old from Lincoln, Nebraska. She currently owns one horse and leases another training in both dressage and western barrels. Claire recently represented Region 4 at the 2025 NAYC in the Junior division.

Claire will be riding her own Finnur. Finnur is an 8-year-old Hanoverian gelding.