

## **2024 REGION 9 FEI YOUTH CLINIC BIOS**

**MK Connatser, Dallas TX** – MK is 14 years old and currently competing at both Third and Fourth Levels. MK was part of the Junior NAYC Bronze medal team at NAYC this season. She would like to qualify and compete at NAYC again in the upcoming years and compete at Festival of Champions in the Junior Division as well.

MK will be riding her own Schnell's Highlight. Schnell's Highlight is a 15-year-old Hanoverian cross gelding.

**Carlin Dye, Tomball, TX** – Carlin is 20 years old and recently earned her USDF Silver Medal with her self-trained mount Secreto. They are currently schooling I1 and competing at PSG. They train with Benjamin Albright.

Carlin is riding her own Secreto ODA. Secreto ODA is a 9-year-old Andalusian gelding.

**Ruby Lewis, Elgin, TX** – Ruby is 16 years old and has earned a USDF Bronze medal. She would like to compete at the FEI Juniors next year and be more reliable in the showing. Her long terms goals are to compete at the Grand Prix and be an FEI Trainer.

Ruby will be riding Marsha Lewis' Lil Miss Sunshine. Lil Miss Sunshine is an 11-year-old Connemara Cross mare.

**Zoe Lewis, Elgin, TX** – Zoe is 13 years old and is a C1 member of the Texas Heat Pony Club. She currently competes at the Second Level, with goals to strengthen her connection and engagement to improve her scores, and hopes to compete at FEI Children and FEI Ponies in the next 3 years. Her long-term goal is to be a horse trainer when she is older.

Zoe will be riding PL Café Au Lait. PL Café Au Lait is a 14-year-old German Riding Pony Cross mare.

**Alyssa Longoria, Montgomery, TX** – Alyssa is 14 years old and trains daily with her mother. She regularly participates in Dressage4Kids clinics and occasionally trains with Ben Winger and Nancy Hinz. She hopes to ride for US Dressage in the future.

Alyssa will be riding Ismael Medina's SE Bombom. SE Bombom is a 13-year-old PRE gelding.

**Mallory Macomber, Benbrook, TX** – Mallory is 15 years old and has new partnership with her mount Atterupgaards Belafonte. In just 7 months together, they qualified and competed at this year's NAYC. Mallory would also like to earn her USDF Silver medal by the end of the year.

Mallory will be riding her own Atterupgaards Belafonte. Atterupgaards Belafonte is a 10-year-old Danish Warmblood gelding.

**Sloane Macomber, Benbrook, TX** – Sloane is a 16-year-old dressage rider that currently competes at Young Riders, PSG and Intermediate 1. Her goal for next season is to complete at NAYC and FOC. She trains virtually with Hans Jurgen Boone.

Sloane will be riding her own Elburg T. Elburg T isa 15-year-old Dutch Warmblood gelding.

**Catherine Schmidt, Houston, TX** – Catherine Schmidt is a 16-year-old rider. This year she competed in the FEI Juniors and Young Riders including at a CDI. She competed in the Dressage Seat Finals at Festival

of Champions this year on a borrowed mount. Her goals for next year are to compete at FEI Juniors, Young Riders and possibly U25.

Catherine will be riding Kelly Battle's Fontainebleau JCD. Fontainebleau JCD is an 11-year-old Westfalen gelding.