

2026 REGION 2 FEI YOUTH CLINIC BIOS

Cale Artz – Cale is 20 years old and is a student at the University of Michigan. She is a regular competitor at the Region 2 Great American/USDF Regional Dressage Champions and the US Dressage Finals. She also competed at NAYC in 2024 and placed 10th in the freestyle. Cale would like to develop her mount, Boston, to the U25 division and be competitive at the Young Rider level this year.

Cale will be riding her own Boston SWB. Boston SWB is a 14-year-old Swedish Warmblood gelding.

Grace Christianson – Grace is 14 years old and a freshman in high school. Last year, Grace and her mount FHF Roulee won both the NAYC and Festival of Champions Children division. This year Grace represented the Region 2 NAYC team in the Junior division with Outsider DRH.

Grace will be riding Karissa Gearen's Outsider DRH. Outsider DRH is a 7-year-old Warmblood gelding.

Claire Dawson – Claire joins us from the eventing world and qualified with her mount Electric Quality for the Region 2 Great American/USDF Regional Dressage Championships at First Level and Dressage Seat Equitation.

Claire will be riding her own Electric Quality. Electric Quality is a 9-year-old Irish Sport Horse gelding.

Lucy Dawson – Lucy is 13 years old and made her NAYC debut this year with her mount Donna Bella CS winning gold in the Children Preliminary B test. Previously, Lucy competed successfully at the Arabian & Half-Arabian Youth and Mid-Summer Nationals.

Lucy will be riding her own Donna Bella CS. Donna Bella CS is a 10-year-old Half-Arabian mare.

Laura Gutierrez Fernandez – Laura is a 19-year-old incoming freshman at Michigan State University studying pre-veterinary science and is a research assistant at the McPhail Equine Performance Center. She began riding at the age of three, trying hunters and eventing before pursuing dressage. She has progressed from Training Level to PSG in 5 years qualifying for the Region 2 Great American/USDF Regional Dressage Championships and US Dressage Finals.

Laura will be riding her own Polar Express. Polar Express is a 12-year-old Oldenburg gelding.

Josefine Parada – Josefine joins us from Waynesville, IL. She competed at NAYC this year in the U25 division and enjoys teaching her clients and learning from other riding professionals. She is currently competing at PSG/I1 with her clinic mount.

Josefine will be riding her own Next Level G. Next Level G is an 8-year-old Dutch Warmblood gelding.

Daphne Rasegan – Daphne is an 18-year-old college freshman who has trained and competed on her own horse Elton J from Training Level through third Level. They successfully qualified for the Region 2 Great American/USDF Regional Dressage Championships at Third Level this year.

Daphne will be riding her own Elton J. Elton J is a 17-year-old Dutch Warmblood gelding.

Madelynn Williams– Madelynn is a 15-year-old sophomore in high school where she participates in track and field along with Future Farmers of America and gymnastics. She would like to be part of the USEF Emerging Athlete program in the future. Madelynn's riding accolades include being a 2-time NAYC Team gold medalist in the Children and Junior divisions.

Madelynn will be riding Jennifer Kaiser's FHF Rockstar. FHF Rockstar is a 13-year-old American Warmblood gelding.