

2026 REGION 3 FEI YOUTH CLINIC BIOS

Austin Hermann – Austin is 13 years old and an 8th grader at Pinecrest Academy. He has been riding for 3 ½ years and his recent accomplishments are winning the NAYC Children Individual gold medal and being named the USEF Children National Champion in 2026. Austin's goals include earning his USDF bronze medal with distinction and competing in the FEI Junior division.

Austin will be riding his own Genevieve HF. Genevieve HF is a 15-year-old Dutch Warmblood mare.

Karma Jackson – Karma started her equestrian career through hunter ponies and has been focused on dressage for the last four years. She has attended the Great American/USDF Regional Dressage Championships for the past three years and is currently campaigning to represent Region 3 at NAYC in the Young Rider division in 2027.

Karma will be riding Jackson Creek Stables, LLC's Dear Friend. Dear Friend is an 18-year-old Westfalen gelding.

Caroline McQueen – Caroline is a real estate agent and client experience and marketing manager, serving North Atlanta/Georgia with Compass Real Estate. She graduated in 2025 with a Bachelor of Arts degree, Magna Cum Laude from the University of Georgia. Her passion for horses has been a constant throughout her academic and profession career, and she has taken every opportunity, as a competitive rider, to learn how to expand her training and riding capabilities.

Caroline will be riding her own Mo-Jo F. Mo-Jo F is a 9-year-old KWPN gelding.

Nathaniel Melcher – Nate is 13 years old and has been riding his current pony, Choco, for a little over a year. He is preparing to ride Second Level and hopes to qualify for NAYC and Festival of Champions in 2027.

Nathaniel will be riding Jennifer Melcher's Der Kleine Choco-Boy WE. Der Kleine Choco-Boy WE is a 17-year-old German Riding Pony gelding.

Elena Moffitt – Elena is 14 years old and a freshman in high school. She competed at Festival of Champions in 2025 and 2026. She looks to qualify for NAYC and Festival of Champions in 2027.

Elena will be riding Natasha Moffitt's Zimon Overskovlund. Zimon Overskovlund is an 11-year-old Danish Warmblood gelding.

Lauren Polk – Lauren is 17 years old and starting riding at the age of 7. She earned Team gold at NAYC in 2025 and earned a Team silver and Individual bronze at NAYC this year. She hopes to earn her USDF silver medal and ride the FEI Young Riders in 2027.

Lauren will be riding Dawn Haynie's Donauwelle P. Donauwelle P is a 13-year-old Danish Hanoverian gelding.

Mckenna Sykora – Mckenna joins us from Greenwood, SC and is a USDF bronze medalist. She has competed at both Festival of Champions and the US Dressage Finals.

McKenna will be riding Allison Doares-Sykora's Westbrook. Westbrook is a 13-year-old Hanoverian gelding.

