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# SWITCH WILLO STABLES NEWSLETTER



## HELLO FEBRUARY!

Thank you for being a member of our Switch Willo community! We are looking forward to lots of horse showing this month as well as the CTHJA Year End Awards banquet. Read on to find out what's happening.

Left: Maebry Williams and Emma Williams at a recent CTSSA show

Below: Bella Pagel at the January IEA show

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- JANUARY 31-FEB 11: GSEC WINTER SERIES/KATY
- FEB 10: IEA REGIONALS
- FEBRUARY 17: CTHJA AWARDS BANQUET/THE OASIS
- MARCH 5-17: OCALA WINTER SPECTACULAR SERIES WEEK 10 & 11
- MARCH 16-17: CTHJA IN WACO/EXTRACO EVENT CENTER
- APRIL 2-14: PIN OAK CHARITY SHOW/KATY



## CTHJA YEAR END AWARDS BANQUET

Tickets are now available for the CTHJA Year End Awards Banquet to be held on February 17 at The Oasis. Go to this link to purchase tickets by February 5: <https://www.cthja.com/>. Pictured below at last year's banquet are Kylie Wiggins, Ashley Myers, Gwen Gleinser, Lauren Slade, Lindsey Mortimer and Michelle Simmons.



## SUMMER TRIPS TO COLORADO AND OCALA--SIGN UP IS OPEN!

Join us for our summer trips to Summer in the Rockies June 12-23 and to Ocala July 24-Aug 4! Sign up is now open in the Main Barn.



## WHAT IS THE NEXT STEP?

We often hear this question from students and parents in our Lesson Program. What is next for my rider? When do we consider going to a horse show, adding additional lessons or moving into the Boarder program? It's never too early to consider going to a show! Talk with your instructor about showing and how to sign up. Aside from that, the answer is variable for each rider, but here is a general guide:

- Riders start in once/week lessons w 1-3 horse shows/year. We expect they will move to twice/week lessons after one-two years.
- Participate in twice weekly lessons with 3-5 shows/year for another year.
- Lease or purchase a horse and move into Boarder program

## CAMP IS HIRING!

Do you love to be at the barn or do you have a rider at Switch Willo who does? Spend more time here by working at camp! We're hiring Junior and Senior Counselors, Lifeguards, and Adult Supervisors for Spring Break (March 11-15) and Summer Camp (May 27-August 9). Come have fun and be a part of our award-winning team by reaching out to Wendy at [camp@switchwillo.com](mailto:camp@switchwillo.com).

## SWITCH WILLO AT THE BLUE RIBBON WINTER FESTIVAL

SWS riders had a fun and successful week in Waco at the Blue Ribbon Festival! Pictured below are Lauren Slade on Dance Cuba, "Carter" (L) and Abby Dewan with I Have A Dream, "Flynn".



## BARN LESSONS ARE IMPORTANT!

There is so much to know in the sport of hunter jumper riding that our instructors simply can't cover it all during a mounted lesson. This makes barn lessons vital to your learning as an equestrian. Our instructors work hard to create lesson plans that extend our riders' knowledge in a fun and interesting way. So be sure to attend barn lessons!



## WELL DONE TO SWITCH WILLO RIDERS WHO EARNED YEAR END AWARDS IN THE CENTRAL TEXAS SCHOOLING SHOW ASSOCIATION!

- Elle Locke and Rummy: 5th Place Cross Rail Hunter and 6th Place Cross Rail Equitation
- Emma Williams and Silvie: 3rd Place Pile of Poles Hunter and 5th Place Pile of Poles Equitation
- Maebry Williams and Crystal Charm: 4th Place Pile of Poles Hunter



Clockwise from L: Elle Locke on Rummy with Ashley Myers; Maebry Williams with ribbons; trainer Lindsey Mortimer; Sophia Barros on Frito and Maebry on Crystal Charm, "Crystal"; Maebry on Crystal with Louise Boon.



**CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR IEA TEAM, CAPITAL CITY EQUESTRIAN, WHO BRAVED FRIGID TEMPS ON JAN 15-16 AND CAME HOME WITH TWO MIDDLE SCHOOL TEAM CHAMPION WINS. WAY TO GO AND GOOD LUCK TO THE MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL TEAMS AND TO THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS WHO QUALIFIED FOR REGIONALS ON FEBRUARY 10!**

- Chloe O'Connell: JV Intermediate Fences
- Grace McCarty: JV Novice Flat
- Maya Graziano: JV Novice Fences
- Bella Pagel: JV Beginner Flat
- Brie Cunningham: Future Intermediate Fences and Flat
- Elle Locke: Future Novice Fences and Flat
- Abi Cunningham: Future Novice Flat
- Addison Azura: Future Beginner Flat
- Louise Boon: Future Beginner Flat
- Katherine Siemes: Future Novice Flat
- Emma Williams: Future Beginner Flat
- Sophia Robidart: Future Beginner Flat
- Zephyr Smith: Future Novice Flat



L-R: Louise Boon, Brie Cunningham, Addison Azura, Hallie Cunningham, Abi Cunningham, Assistant Coach Kylie Wiggins, Emma Williams, Soleil Fullinck, Katherine Siemes, Head Coach Lindsey Mortimer, Reese Wilson and Sophia Robidart.

L-R: Grace McCarty, Reese Wilson, Brie Cunningham, Hallie Cunningham, Louise Boon, Zephyr Smith, Isabel Sorenson, Katherine Siemes, Maya Graziano, Addison Azura, Kylie Wiggins, Lindsey Mortimer, Abi Cunningham, Elle Locke and Emma Williams.



## IEA TEAM IN ACTION!

Clockwise from top R: Lindsey Mortimer, Grace McCarty, Addison Azura and Kylie Wiggins; Chloe O'Connell; Zephyr Smith; Elle Locke; Addison Azura; Katherine Siemes; Abi Cunningham; Maya Graziano.



# FEBRUARY PHOTO GALLERY

Clockwise from top L: trainers Michelle Simmons and Natalie Pape help Maebry Williams; Elle Locke and Rummy; Elle Locke, Abi Cunningham and Addison Azura; Soleil Fullinck and Ken; Emma Williams and Roosevelt; Brie Cunningham; Hallie Cunningham and Piper Wilson staying warm; Emma Williams. Center: Grace McCarty, Kylie Wiggins, Soleil Fullinck (back), Lindsey Mortimer, Chloe O'Connell, and Maya Graziano walking the course.



# 2024 USEF Horse Show Schedule

December 7 – 10 Christmas Show San Antonio, TX

January 17 – 21 Blue Ribbon Winter Waco, TX

March 5 – 10 WEC Winter Spectacular X Ocala, FL

March 13 – 17 WEC Winter Spectacular XI Ocala, FL

April 2 – April 7 Pin Oak Charity Horse Show II Katy, TX

April 10 - 14 Pin Oak Charity Horse Show III Katy, TX

May 2 - 5 Great Southwest Round Up Katy, TX

May 9 - 12 Fiesta Classic Katy, TX

June 12 - 16 Summer in the Rockies I Parker, CO

June 19 - 23 Summer in the Rockies II Parker, CO

July 24 – 28 Ocala Summer Series Week 7 Ocala, FL

July 31 – August 4 Ocala Summer Series Week 8 Ocala, FL

September 18 - 22 Southwest Showdown Katy, TX

September 26 – 29 GSEC Fall Classic Katy, TX

October 17 - 20 Monster Mash Katy, TX

Oct 30 – Nov 3 Harvest Katy, TX

November 6 - 10 Great Southwest Autumn Classic Katy, TX

November 13 - 17 Final Chase Katy, TX



# 2024 Local Horse Show Schedule

March 16-17	CTHJA in Waco	Extraco Events Center
April 20-21	CTHJA in San Antonio	Rose Palace
May 4-5	CTHJA in Magnolia	Haras
May 18	TSSA Bit by Bit	Bit by Bit Farm
June 1-2	CTHJA in San Antonio	Rose Palace
July 12-14	CTHJA Summer Circuit	WilCo Expo Center
July 26-28	CTHJA Summer Circuit	WilCo Expo Center
August 9-11	CTHJA Summer Circuit	WilCo Expo Center
September 7	TSSA Bit by Bit	Bit by Bit Farm
September 14-15	GHHJA Fall Fest	GSEC
October 12-13	GHHJA Octoberfest	GSEC
November 9-10	CTHJA Final Show	WilCo Expo Center