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Kids Day Brings Excitement, Adventure and Horses to the 2026 Hampton Classic Horse Show

Bridgehampton, NY – August 29, 2026 – Families gathered at the 51st Hampton Classic Horse Show on Saturday to celebrate Kids Day, one of the event’s most anticipated traditions. The Children’s Tent offered a variety of free activities for children of all ages, including pony rides, live entertainment, arts and crafts, music, magic performances and the debut of “Adventure Days” with carnival-style games.

Celebrating 51 years of world-class equestrian competition, the Hampton Classic returns to Bridgehampton, NY, **August 23-30**, featuring FEI CSI5* and CSI2* show jumping and USEF Premier hunter competitions with more than \$1 million in prize money.

Children from Long Island and the New York metropolitan area enjoyed free admission, complimentary pony rides, and other activities including music, magic, crafts and new “Adventure Days” with carnival-style games. This year, children earned tickets throughout the week by participating in games, craft projects and other activities in the Kids’ Area. They could redeem these tickets at the Hampton Classic Souvenir Booth for additional prizes, including stickers, lip balm, backpack charms and other exciting goodies.



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“Kids Day is one of my favorite traditions here at the Hampton Classic,” said Hampton Classic Executive Director Shanette Cohen. “To see so many kids smiling and having fun creates such a wonderful atmosphere, and it is something that I feel the parents enjoy as much as the kids do!”

[Steppin’ Out Petting Zoo & Pony Rides](#) once again delighted young visitors with free pony rides and a petting zoo featuring sheep, goats, chickens, ducks, rabbits and llamas, providing a fun-filled day for children and families alike.

In Hunter 2 Ring, the [Ronald McDonald House](#) hosted a horseless horse show competition featuring three fence-height divisions, with riders competing in age groups for 10 & Under, 14 & Under, and 17 & Under.

Other great family attractions included a dance party and mobile photobooth with [All Star Party](#); face painting with All Star Party and [Fancy Faces by Kathy](#); creative crafts and fun giveaways with [Macaroni Kid Hamptons](#) and [Shine NYC](#); performances by [Keith Leaf](#) & Amazing Friends; coloring activities and a visit by resident tortoises of [Turtle Rescue of the Hamptons](#); a design station for beautiful nature journals and local field guides courtesy of [Playful Learning](#); and ping pong, cornhole and more fun yard games. [Scott’s Protein Balls](#) was also onsite providing a healthy snack for families.

Many of these activities were available throughout the week (excluding Monday, August 24) starting Sunday, August 23, with Steppin’ Out Petting Zoo & Pony Rides, cookie decorating with [Citarella](#), drip painting with [Pollock-Krasner House](#), pipe-cleaner crafts with [Stony Brook Children’s Hospital](#) and [Wendy the Pipe-cleaner Lady](#), and a visit by [ReWild Long Island](#).

Other groups participating during the week included [Back to the Bays](#), [Changing Tides Equine](#), [Evelyn Alexander Wildlife Rescue Center](#), the [Hampton Library](#), [Jungle Bob’s Reptile World](#), [South Fork Natural History Museum & Nature Center](#) (SOFO) and [Yardletics](#).



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Each year, approximately 50,000 people – including many A-list celebrities – come to watch the nation’s best equestrian athletes compete at the Hampton Classic Horse Show. Rated **USEF ‘Premier-6’** for hunters and jumpers with designated **FEI 2* and 5*** jumping classes, the Hampton Classic features more than 200 competitions in six spectacular show rings, the Agneta Currey Boutique Garden with more than 70 vendors, and a wide selection of dining options, all on its world-class 60-acre showgrounds.

FEI competition began on Thursday, August 27, with the **\$5,000 Citarella Open Jumper CSI2*** and **\$32,000 CSI5* BrainJuice Two-Phase** and continues throughout the weekend with seven 2*/5* classes featuring courses designed by Nick Granat (USA) and Anderson Lima (BRA). FEI competition also included Friday’s **\$32,000 Wölffer Estate 2* Grand Prix Qualifier**, **\$116,100 Douglas Elliman 5* Grand Prix Qualifier**, Saturday’s **\$62,500 5* Winning Round**, and culminates with the **\$70,000 Hampton Classic 2* Grand Prix** and **\$400,000 Longines Hampton Classic 5* Grand Prix** on Sunday, August 30. The **\$30,000 Longines Rider Challenges** will also be presented on Grand Prix Sunday as two separate bonuses: \$10,000 for the FEI 2* division and \$20,000 for the FEI 5* division.

Other competition highlights include the **\$10,000 Stomp Capital 1.40m Open Jumper** (Tuesday), **\$40,000 1.45m National Grand Prix** (Wednesday), **\$10,000 Hunt & Go Stake presented by The Baran** (Thursday), **\$10,000 Harrods Junior/Amateur Welcome Stake** (Friday), **\$10,000 Hermès Equitation Championship** (Saturday), **\$30,000 Agneta & Brownlee Currey 1.45m Junior/Amateur Jumper Classic** and **\$10,000 Junior/Amateur-Owner Hunter Classic** (Sunday).

Outside of the show rings, families can enjoy unique shopping in the Agneta Currey Boutique Garden and Stable Row and hands-on activities, pony rides and petting zoo animals at the Kids Exhibition Tent.

Daily entry to the Hampton Classic is \$25 per carload which includes grandstand seating on all days except Grand Prix Sunday.

Tickets for **reserved grandstand seats** for Grand Prix Sunday, August 30, are \$75 per seat and are available on the [Hampton Classic website](#). Tickets for the **Classic Club** (formerly the Judge's Box Lounge), which offers an elevated experience for watching Grand Prix Ring competition on Thursday-Sunday, August 27-30, are also available.

For those who can't make it to the show grounds, [complimentary live webcasts](#) of all Grand Prix and Aspinall Ring competitions air on the Hampton Classic website. Produced by ClipMyHorse.TV, the Grand Prix Ring livestreams are sponsored by Longines and the Aspinall Ring livestreams are sponsored by [ClipMyHorse.TV](#). In addition, WVVH-TV, Hamptons Television, broadcasts up to five hours of competition and highlights each day during the Classic. These broadcasts can also be seen online at [www.wvvh.tv](#).

For more information on the Hampton Classic Horse Show, please visit the Hampton Classic website at [www.hamptonclassic.com](#) or call 631-537-3177. Hampton Classic Horse Show, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) charitable corporation.