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News 12 Long Island Kids' Day Delights and Astounds at 45th Hampton Classic Horse Show

Bridgehampton, NY – Sept. 2, 2021 – News 12 Long Island Kids' Day returned to the Hampton Classic on Thursday with special activities to educate and entertain kids of all ages. The morning's fair weather allowed Kids' Day to continue to be one of the show's most popular days for families.

Children under 12 from Long Island and the New York metropolitan area enjoyed free admission, complimentary pony rides, and other activities including games, music, magic, and crafts. News 12 Long Island also gave away colored pencils and horse-themed lapel pins to everyone in attendance.



Pony rides are a highlight of News 12 Long Island Kids' Day and are available at the Hampton Classic all week © Nancy Moon

The Kids' Area featured several family attractions throughout the week, such as pony rides courtesy of Steppin' Out Ponies. Children could also visit the llamas, alpaca, sheep, goats, and pigs from Long Island Yarn & Farm and get their faces painted with The Amazing Rubini and Kathy's Fancy Faces.

On Thursday, kids of all ages enjoyed performances by Will Parker Music with his guitar, harmonica, and vocals, as well as magic by the Amazing Zola. Jugglers, stilt walkers, hula hoopers, and clowns also returned to the Hampton Classic with the Bellini Family Circus.



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Citarella Cookies was onsite with a cookie-decorating station, and Scott's Protein Balls provided samples of their delicious protein balls. Children could also make masks with Broadway Kids Musical Camp and help with the Cornell Cooperative Extension's Marine Program integrative art project, learning about the seahorses and bluegrass habitats native to the area.



Families enjoyed clear weather and great attractions at News 12 Long Island Kids' Day © Nancy Moon

"Kids' Day is always a highlight for the Hampton Classic," said Shanette Barth Cohen, the show's Executive Director. "We have so many different activities each year for every member of the family, and we love seeing the kids' smiling faces."

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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. The Hampton Classic features more than 200 classes in six 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 show grounds. This year's Hampton Classic features five FEI classes in its grass Grand Prix ring showcasing elite riders from around the world, including Olympic and World Equestrian Games veterans. There are also kid-friendly activities throughout the week including pony rides, petting farm animals, daily special attractions and more.

Daily admission to the Classic is \$20 per carload. Admission is free on Monday, and seniors are admitted free on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Grandstand tickets for the \$300,000 Hampton Classic Grand Prix on Sunday, September 5, are \$45 per person for reserved bucket seating, which are available for purchase on the Hampton Classic website.

The Hampton Classic is pleased to continue its relationship with ShowNet by offering its services FREE to all exhibitors. Services include: Orders of Go; Live Ring Status; Live Results; and Post Round Video.

For those who can't make it to the show grounds, complimentary live webcasts of all Grand Prix ring competitions air on the Hampton Classic website, produced by ClipMyHorseTV and courtesy of LONGINES. ClipMyHorseTV is also providing a complimentary live webcast of all Anne Aspinall ring competitions and archive video, all available on the Hampton Classic website. 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 <u>www.wvvh.tv</u>.

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