



Performing Arts Project



Those who enjoy being in the spotlight on stage or being creative off stage may enjoy the Performing Arts project. Learn to express yourself in front of a crowd. Express yourself by creating and presenting a theatrical play or musical performance; participate in camp's talent show, create a puppet show; create costumes, sets and props; and enter your local Club Days or other contests. Members will gain self-confidence, cooperation with fellow cast members, and have fun, all while learning to master various aspects of the Performing Arts project.

Starting Out *Beginner*

- Learn to express yourself through movement, voice, speech, and acting.
- Create and present a play or skit.
- Do skits, pantomime, readings, and clowning.
- Explore vocal pitch range.
- Practice various rhythm patterns.
- Understand a music staff.

Learning More *Intermediate*

- Learn about puppets.
- Create a puppet, stage, and kit.
- Do puppet therapy.
- Be able to read music.
- Begin to learn to play a musical instrument.
- Run for song leader of your 4-H club.

Expanding Horizons *Advanced*

- Write your own play or skit.
- Research the meanings of the musical dynamic terms.
- Create costumes, sets, and props.
- Create a stage setting.
- Do make-up and stage management.

Inspire Kids to Do

Explore

"I might like to do this."

Youth who explore a variety of interests before high school, through experiences like 4-H camps and educational events, can develop early interest in a career path and improve their academic performance.

Learn

"I can do this."

4-H project-based learning, guided by adult volunteers, improves youth understanding of skills and concepts, as well as their ability to problem-solve and collaborate.

Practice

"I'm interested in this."

Youth who have participated in sustained hands-on learning and engaged with professional mentors and volunteers before entering high school are more likely to explore studies and potential career paths.

Experience

"I will be this."

Real-world application is key — 91% of Kansas 4-H members have a plan for reaching their goals. Youth that have been active participants in hands-on learning, combined with strong decision-making skills, are more able to effectively navigate life.

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Expand Your Experiences!

Healthy Living

- Enroll in a movement or dance class.
- Add choreography to your vocal or musical performance.

Science and Agriculture

- Learn the science behind sound waves and pitch.
- Explore the mechanics behind instrument engineering.

Community Vitality

- Volunteer to share your talent at local retirement communities.
- Give of your time to help build stage sets for a local theater production.
- Organize a local talent show for your community.

Communication and the Arts

- Create a dinner theater and work with youth enrolled in the Foods and Nutrition project for the meal.
- Perform a vocal or instrumental solo or ensemble at 4-H Club Day or county fair.
- Share your Performing Arts talent with community groups while promoting 4-H.

Career Development

- Explore many careers in Performing Arts by visiting K-state's Department of Music, Theatre, and Dance in the College of Arts & Sciences. <https://www.k-state.edu/mtd/>
- Explore careers in costume design by visiting K-State's College of Health and Human Sciences: [Apparel and Textiles](#).
- Research careers in performance, music therapy, music education, screen writing, and make-up, and costume design.
- Job shadow or intern in these fields of study.

Local Contact Information

Resources and Events	Curriculum and Resources	4-H Record Keeping	Project Exhibit Ideas
<p>Participating in educational events and learning opportunities will expand your knowledge and skills in the project area. Contact your local K-State Research and Extension office for local opportunities.</p> <p>Read your monthly 4-H newsletter for regional, state and national opportunities.</p> <p>Participate at your county fair.</p> <p>Participate in your local 4-H Club Day.</p> <p>Explore music, theatre, and dance opportunities within your community.</p> <p>Research community theatre and dance troops that may be available in your area.</p>	<p>Curriculum from National 4-H:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Theatre Arts Book 1 • Theatre Arts Book 2 • Theatre Arts Book 3 • Theatre Arts Journal <p>• Music and Theory from your music instructor</p>	<p>Learning to keep accurate records is a life skill. The following forms can help you:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Setting 4-H Project Goals (4H1100) • Kansas 4-H Record Keeping <p>• Keep track of the cost of lessons, the audience attendance for performances, and hours spent practicing and building skills.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be a part of a skit (director or actor), readers theater, or musical for 4-H Club Day or county fair. • Perform a vocal or instrumental solo or ensemble at 4-H Club Day or county fair. • Showcase or organize a club group dance. • Make a poster, educational display, or notebook promoting or educating others on a specific performing arts subject.

