



4-H Performing Arts Project

Kansas 4-H focuses on the mastery of 5 life skills:

1. A positive self-concept
2. An inquiring mind
3. A concern for the community
4. Healthy interpersonal relationships
5. Sound decision making

The subject matter content in 4-H focuses primarily on three mission areas:

1. science
2. healthy living
3. citizenship and leadership

Advice from a 4-H'er

From: Marlaina, Age 16 (2015)

The Performing Arts project has taught me so many skills with real-life application. I started when I was 8 years old in our club skit. I loved being with the big kids and having a role to play. Now I am my club's Performing Arts project leader. I select and direct the club skit and I arranged for my club to perform individual pieces at a nursing home.

I was a really shy little girl but the performing arts project really got me to open up. I can speak with adults and look them in the eye which is an important interviewing skill. I attribute this to my stage time and auditions.

My advice would be that the show must go on. A girl forgot her costume on Regional 4-H Days for our club skit. I had a minor role so I gave her my costume and played the mail man as a human. I was so proud of their performance and I hope they remember and create new ways to solve problems and stay calm when something does not go as planned.



Marlaina playing her bass

Project levels

Age 7-9	Age 10-13	Age 14 +
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Learn to express yourself through movement, voice, speech and acting. ◆ Create and present a play. ◆ Do skits, pantomime, readings and clowning. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Create a puppet, stage and kit. ◆ Present a demonstration to your 4-H club on creating an art project. ◆ Direct a school play. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Create costumes, sets and props. ◆ Create a stage setting. ◆ Do makeup and stage management.

The activities above are ideas to inspire further project development. This is not a complete list.



Events	Curriculum	4-H Record Book
<p>State & Local Opportunities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Club Day ◆ County Fair ◆ State Fair ◆ Discovery Days <p>Check with your club to see what opportunities are offered at the club level as well.</p>	<p>Available to purchase at the Extension Office (check to make sure it's in stock)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Performing Arts Project Book ◆ Theatre Arts Project Book <p>Performing Arts curriculum can also be purchased at the K-State online bookstore or the 4-H Mall.</p>	<p>4-H Record Books give members an opportunity to record events and reflect on their experiences. For each project, members document their personal experiences, learning and development.</p> <p>4-H Record Books also teach members record management skills and encourage them to set goals and develop a plan to meet those goals</p> <p>For more information visit www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/forms-resources/record-books.html</p>

Resources:

Visit

<http://www.johnson.k-state.edu/4-h/project-club-resources/projects.html>

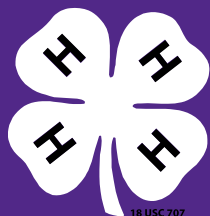
to also find the following links.

Kansas 4-H Performing Arts Website:

- ◆ <http://www.kansas4-h.org/projects/creative-arts/performing-arts.html>

Other helpful Performing Arts websites around the country:

- ◆ http://4h.msue.msu.edu/uploads/files/4H1608_YouthTaketheStage.pdf
- ◆ <http://www.knowitall.org/kidswork/theater/history/kabuki/>
- ◆ <http://new.4-hcurriculum.org/projects/theatre/>
- ◆ <http://www.stagemilk.com/acting-games/>
- ◆ http://www.ehow.com/way_5129683_acting-techniques-kids.html
- ◆ http://www.ehow.com/how_8116150_teach-kids-theater-lighting-sound.html



K-STATE
Research and Extension
Johnson County

18 USC 707

Exploring Opportunities

- ◆ Write a short play for your 4-H club to perform.
- ◆ Direct a school play.
- ◆ Offer to teach a class on a creative art project for your local community education or parks and recreation program.
- ◆ Try out for a part in a local community theater production.
- ◆ Construct props for a school play.

Exhibit Ideas

- ◆ Direct or act in a play, skit or musical for county Club Day.
- ◆ Construct a puppet theater and puppets.
- ◆ Write and exhibit a collection of poems.
- ◆ Make an exhibit showing makeup techniques for performers.
- ◆ Create a poster or notebook on a performing arts topic.

Johnson County K-State Research & Extension

11811 S Sunset Dr Suite 1500 Olathe, KS 66061
p (913) 715-7000 f (913) 715-7005

www.johnson.k-state.edu/ | @jocoks4h | /JohnsonCountyKS4H