



# 4-H MUSIC PROJECT



## Step It Up!

Pass it on! Now that you know how, share it with others. Here are ideas to get you started.

## Are you Into It?

**Jennifer Tackett,**  
Extension Specialist for 4-H Youth Development

Learn how you can express yourself through the arts!

- Enhance your performance skills
- Explore various types of music
- Compose or arrange music
- Make your own musical instruments

## Communication

- Create a poster to promote musical performance
- Write a review of a musical performance
- Write a poem and set it to music

## Citizenship

- Perform at community events or a nursing home
- Volunteer to sing the national anthem at community sporting events

## Here's what you can do all year!

### Starting Out Basic/Level 1

- Perform your music in different places; compare how location affects your sound
- Interview members of your family about their favorite music
- Investigate the role of a music conductor or director
- Identify an event or place you'd like to perform; plan out your performance and perform

### Learning More Intermediate/Level 2

- Dig into the works by a single composer or performer (solo or group)
- Seek out music you usually do not listen to; compare with music you usually listen to
- Discover what it takes for a group of musicians to stay together for a long time
- Survey radio stations in your area and find out how they decide what music to play
- Study a musical style such as jazz or baroque

### Expanding Horizons Advanced/Level 3

- Compare and contrast different arrangements of the same piece of music
- Write your own piece of music and have someone else test it out
- Compose lyrics for an existing melody
- Trace the history of an instrument that interests you
- Explore the size, shape, and materials of different instrument classes

## Leadership

- Organize a talent show
- Organize a club outing to a musical performance
- Present a session at 4-H Teen Conference

4-H is a community of young people who are learning **leadership** **citizenship** and **life skills**.

Learn more at [www.kentucky4h.org](http://www.kentucky4h.org) or contact your county extension office.





# Take Music Further!

Here are some other opportunities to explore Music:

- Audition for the Kentucky 4-H Performing Arts Troupe
- Perform with a community band or chorus
- Find a 4-H Song book and learn about the history of 4-H songs
- Tour a recording studio and learn about producing a musical recording
- Record your own performance!
- Visit a music museum and learn about the history of an artist, instrument, or musical style
- Contact your county Extension Office for other local workshops, activities, and events
- Attend 4-H Summit and take the School of Rock workshop
- Attend 4-H Teen Conference and participate in workshops, motivational speakers and a community service project, see the Kentucky 4-H Performing Arts Troupe perform at Memorial Hall
- Job shadow or interview a musician, songwriter, composer, choir director, or luthier

## Exhibit Ideas

- Enter in the performing arts demonstration category at your local speech and demonstration contest.
- Enter an original song in the Kentucky 4-H Written Communications Contest.
- Perform a song at the Kentucky State Fair 4-H Expressive Arts Day.
- Enter a Press Release about a musical performance in the Kentucky 4-H Written Communications Contest.
- Build an instrument for the woodworking category at the Kentucky State Fair

## Resources

4-H Resources	Other Resources	Record Keeping
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• KET Toolkit Music</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PlayMusic.org</li> <li>• NY Philharmonic</li> <li>• Music Theory <a href="http://www.musictheory.net/">www.musictheory.net/</a></li> <li>• Kennedy Center's ArtsEdge</li> <li>• Blank Sheet Music <a href="http://www.blanksheetmusic.net/">www.blanksheetmusic.net/</a></li> <li>• Instrument Encyclopedia <a href="http://www.si.umich.edu/CHICO/instrument/">www.si.umich.edu/CHICO/instrument/</a></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Record your activities on your Kentucky 4-H Achievement Program application</li> <li>• Contact your county 4-H agent for a project record book.</li> </ul>

