2026 Dane County 4-H Performers Festival

Calling all Dane County 4-H members who want to perform!

Mark your calendars! The 2025 Dane County 4-H Performers Festival is scheduled for Sunday, April 26, 2026 at 2:00pm-4:00pm

Location: Oakwood Village University Woods

Registration is open! Register here by April 12!

Please plan to be set up and ready by 2:00pm. You may arrive at 1:00pm to get acquainted with the stage. Groups are expected to watch each other and to stay in the theater during the entire festival. Food and drink are not allowed in or outside the theater. You can bring water in a closed water bottle. Please be respectful as we want to be awesome guests of this facility!

Each performance should be registered separately.

There will be a piano available and two microphones set up. You must bring all other equipment you need for your performance.

The theme of the 2026 Performers Festival is Talent is Looking Up To The Stars. While it's not necessary, performers can embrace the theme with their clothes/costumes if appropriate.

Parking directions and schedule will be sent to performers before the festival.

Performance Guidelines

- Individuals and 4-H Club groups (any size) may perform. At least one person in a group or duo should be a 4-H member.
- A person in the performing field will give general feedback after each set of performances.(eg. Singers,musicians ect.)
- Each performing group is responsible for their own backstage help.
- An MC will introduce each act.

MAJOR OBJECTIVES

1. To have a group activity which will be fun and involve all or as many club members as possible in a cooperative venture. Working together on a production builds friendships and helps a club become more closely knit.
2. To develop imagination and stimulate creative instinct.
3. To increase self-confidence of participants.

RULES AND GUIDELINES

1. All performances should be 4-H appropriate and must have been specifically prepared by 4-H members/leaders. No specific theme is required.
2. Groups will be provided with general verbal feedback.
3. Evaluators will present certificates of participation to each individual/group.
4. Performances will not be categorized by age or grade of participants. Participants may include Cloverbuds.
5. Clubs can enter a music presentation and a drama presentation
6. Time Limit: Maximum of 5 minutes for individuals/duets and 10 minutes for groups. This time limit includes set up and take down.
7. A play may be an already existing play, a play adapted to the club, a play written by members of the club, or an original pantomime. Puppets and marionettes may also be used.
8. All 4-H groups are invited to appear at the Dane County Fair.
9. Each group is responsible for setting up and taking down its own props. Any mess made must be cleaned up before leaving the stage area and before the next act.
10. As a courtesy to other performers, participants are encouraged to support other groups by being a part of the audience. Clubs are encouraged to promote the Festival to total club membership and local community.
11. Please do not exit or enter during a performance.