



Collections

Merit Badge Worksheet

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Scouts Name _____

Date _____

Counselor's Name _____

Counselor's Phone # _____

Complete

1. Prepare a short written report or outline for your counselor, giving a detailed description of your collection,* including a short history. Be sure to include why you chose that particular type of collecting and what you enjoy and have learned from your collection.

***Stamp and coin collecting are excluded from eligibility for this merit badge.**

Complete

2. Explain the growth and development of your collection. _____

Complete

3. Demonstrate your knowledge of preserving and displaying your collection.

a. Explain the precautions that you need to take to preserve your collection, including

1. Handling _____
2. Cleaning _____
3. Storage _____

b. Explain how best to display your collection, keeping in mind preserving as discussed above.

c. Explain to your counselor the events available for a hobbyist of this collection, including shows, seminars, conventions, contests, and museum programs or exhibits. _____

Complete

4. Demonstrate your knowledge of collecting and investing. Discuss with your counselor:
- a. How investing and speculation would apply to your collection _____

 - b. What you would look for in purchasing other collections similar to yours _____

 - c. What you would expect in return value in the event you decided to sell all or part of the collection _____

Complete

5. Do the following:
- a. Discuss with your counselor at least 10 terms commonly used in your collection and be prepared to discuss the definition of each.
1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____ 4. _____
5. _____ 6. _____ 7. _____ 8. _____
9. _____ 10. _____
 - b. Show your counselor any two groups from your collection. Explain how you organized your collection and why you chose that method. (Note: if your collection is too large to transport and your counselor is unable to view your collection directly, photographs should be available to share.) date completed _____
 - c. Explain how your collection is valued by other collectors and display to your counselor any price guides that may be available. _____

 - d. Explain how your collection is graded for value, physical defects, size and age. Show the various classifications or ratings used in your collection. _____

 - e. List the national, state, or local association responsive to your collection. _____

 - f. Show the location of and explain to your counselor the identification number (if applicable), series, brand name (if any), and any special identification marks. _____

Complete

6. Discuss with your counselor the plans you have to continue with the collection in the future. _____

Complete

7. Discuss with your counselor why and how collecting has changed and how this applies to your collection. _____

Complete

8. Find out about career opportunities in collecting.
- 1. _____
 - 2. _____
 - 3. _____

Pick one and find out the education, training, and experience required for this profession.
Discuss this with your counselor, and explain why this profession might interest you.
