



COLLECTIONS

Merit Badge Requirements

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.*

2) Explain the growth and development of your collection.

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 to best 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.

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.

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.

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.)

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 grading classifications or ratings used in your collection.

E) List the national, state, or local association for collectors in your field of interest.

6) Show the location of and explain to your counselor the following:

A) Identification number (if applicable)

B) Series

C) Brand name (if any)

D) Any other special identification marks

7) Discuss with your counselor the plans you have to continue with the collection in the future.

8) Discuss with your counselor the career opportunities that may be available involving your collection.

9) Discuss with your counselor why and how collecting has changed and how this applies to your collection.

Requirement 4

Demonstrate your knowledge of collecting and investing.

Tell how investing and speculation would apply to your collection: _____

What would you look for in purchasing other collections similar to yours? _____

What would you expect in return value in the event you decided to sell all or part of your collection? _____

Requirement 5

List and give definition to at least ten terms commonly used in your collection:

Term: _____ Definition: _____

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__ Show your counselor any two groups from your collection. If collection is too big, show photos.

Explain how you organized your collection and why you chose that method: _____

Scout Name: _____ Unit #: _____ Date: _____

Explain how your collection is valued by other collectors: _____

Are there any price guides available for your collection? YES NO

___ If a price guide does exist for your collection, show the guide to your counselor.

Explain how your collection is graded, including the categories mentioned above for value, physical defects, size and age: _____

Tell about the various classifications or ratings used in your collection: _____

List the national, state, or local association for collectors in your field of interest: _____

Requirement 6

If your collection has an identification number, show it to your counselor and explain what it means: _____

If your collection is part of or has a series, explain it: _____

Does your collection have a brand name? YES NO What is it? _____

If your collection has any other special identification marks explain them: _____

