



Collections

Merit Badge Workbook

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Scout's Name: _____ Unit: _____

Counselor's Name: _____ Counselor's Ph #: _____

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) 3. Demonstrate your knowledge of preserving _____

and displaying your collection. _____

(a) Explain the precautions you need to take to preserve your collection, including

(1) Handling _____

(2) Cleaning _____

(3) Storage _____

Note precautions for dampness, sun, or other weather conditions. _____

(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, _____

Conventions, _____

Contests, _____

Seminars, _____

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 if 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.

Term	Definition
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

(b) Show your counselor any two groups from your collection.

Group: _____

Group: _____

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. _____
