



Collections

Merit Badge Workbook

This workbook can help you but you still need to read the merit badge pamphlet (book). No one can add or subtract from the Boy Scout Requirements #33215. Merit Badge Workbooks and much more are below: [Online Resources](#).

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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. 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. _____

Online Resources *(Use any Internet resource with caution and only with your parent's or guardian's permission.)*

Merit Badge Workbooks: usscouts.org -or- meritbadge.org ► **Merit Badge Books:** www.scoutstuff.org
Boy Scouts of America: <http://www.scouting.org/> ► [Requirements](#) ► [Intro to Merit Badges](#) ► [Guide to Safe Scouting](#)
ExpertVillage.com Lesson Videos: 📺 [Videos on Collecting](#) 📺 [Baseball Cards](#) 📺 [Comics](#) 📺 [Business Cards](#)

General Collecting Resources

Collectors' Information Bureau: <http://www.collectorsinfo.com> Intr. Scouting Collectors Assn.: <http://scouttrader.org>
Smithsonian Institution: <http://kids.si.edu/collecting>

Butterfly Collecting Resources

Lepidopterists' Soc.: <http://www.furman.edu/~snyder/snyder/lep> North American Butterfly Assn.: <http://www.naba.org>

Rock Collecting Resources

Assn. of American State Geologists: <http://www.kgs.ukans.edu/AASG/AASG.html>
United States Geological Survey: <http://www.usgs.gov>

Sports Card Collecting Resources

Beckett Publications: <http://www.beckett.com> Donruss: <http://www.donruss.com>
Fleer Trading Cards: <http://www.fleer.com> In the Game Inc.: <http://www.baptradingcards.com>
Toppers: <http://www.topps.com> Upper Deck: <http://www.upperdeck.com>

Comic Book Collecting Resources

DC Comics: <http://www.dccomics.com> Gemstone Publishing: <http://www.gemstonepub.com>
Marvel Comics: <http://www.marvel.com> Museum of Comic and Cartoon Art: <http://www.moccany.com>