

Collections



Merit Badge Workbook

This workbook can help you but you still need to read the merit badge pamphlet.

This Workbook can help you organize your thoughts as you prepare to meet with your merit badge counselor

Merit Badge Counselors may not require the use of this or any similar workbooks.

You still must satisfy your counselor that you can demonstrate each skill and have learned the information. You should use the work space provided for each requirement to keep track of which requirements have been completed, and to make notes for discussing the item with your counselor, not for providing full and complete answers.

If a requirement says that you must take an action using words such as "discuss", "show", "tell", "explain", "demonstrate", "identify", etc, that is what you must do.

No one may add or subtract from the official requirements found in Scouts BSA Requirements (Pub. + 33216) and/or on Scouting.org.

The requirements were last issued or revised in 2021

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Scout's Name: _____ Unit _____ Date Started _____ Counselor's Name: _____ Phone No.: Please submit errors, omissions, comments or suggestions about this workbook to: Workbooks@USScouts.Org Comments or suggestions for changes to the requirements for the merit badge should be sent to: Merit.Badge@Scouting.Org _____ 1. Prepare a short written report or outline for your counselor, giving a detailed description of your collection,* including a short history, why you enjoy your collection, and what you have learned from collecting. Be sure to include why you chose that particular type of collection/collecting method.

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

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Explain the growth an	d development of your collection.
Demonstrate your kno	owledge of preserving and displaying your collection.
Preserving:	
Displaying:	
a. Explain the preca	autions you need to take to preserve your collection, including
1. Handling	
2. Cleaning	
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3. Storage	
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∟ b. Explain how best	to display your collection, keeping in mind preserving as discussed above.

C.	Explain to your couns seminars, and museu	selor the events available for a hobbyist of this collection, including: shows, conventions, contests, um programs and exhibits.
	Shows,	
	Conventions,	
	Contests,	
	Seminars,	
	Museum programs or exhibits.	
d.	Explain to your couns	selor how you keep track of your collection.
	Describe your catalog	aina method
	Describe your catalog	ging metiod.

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4.	Der a.	monstrate your knowledge of collecting and inv How investing and speculation would apply to	
	b.	What you would look for in purchasing other of	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 definition of each.	s commonly used to describe your collection and be prepared to discuss the
		Term	Definition
		1.	

2.	
3.	
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10.	

Title		Scout's Name:
b.	Show your counse	elor any two groups from your collection.
	☐ Group:	
	☐ Group:	
	Explain how you o	organized your collection and why you chose that method. lection is too large to transport and your counselor is unable to view your collection directly, photographs
C.	Explain the monet	tary value of your collection and where you learned about those values.
d.		collection is graded for value, physical defects, size and age.
	Value:	
	Physical defects:	

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	Size:	
	Age:	
	Show the various cla	assifications or ratings used in your collection.
	Onow the various dia	issincations of fatings used in your conceitori.
e.	List the national, stat	te, or local association(s) related to or associated with your collection.
f.		selor the purpose of and reason for the identification number (if applicable), Series, Brand name (if any), al identification marks.
	Identification number (if applicable):	
	Series	
	Brand name (if any)	
	Other special identification marks	

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Discuss with your counse	elor the plans you have to continue with the collection in the future.
Find out about career op	portunities in collecting.
Pick one and find out the	education, training, and experience required for this profession.
Career:	
Education:	
Education.	
Training:	
Experience:	
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Discuss this with your co	unselor, and explain why this profession might interest you.

When working on merit badges, Scouts and Scouters should be aware of some vital information in the current edition of the Guide to Advancement (BSA publication 33088).Important excerpts from that publication can be downloaded from http://usscouts.org/advance/docs/GTA-Excerpts-meritbadges.pdf.

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