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Collections

Jasper County 4-H
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VERY IMPORTANT:

PLEASE make sure to place your RECORD SHEET (Pg. 4) inside your Green Record Folder.

Your RECORD OF PURCHASES (Pg. 6+) and your STORY (Pg. 5) should accompany your project.

Note: This manual is also available online at www.extension.purdue.edu/jasper

Name _____

Club _____

Grade (as of January of current year) _____

Collections may be large or small, very expensive and valuable or inexpensive. As you start collecting as a 4-H project, we want you to have fun—to enjoy your hobby—and 4-H will give you incentive for developing a collection and a chance to share your hobby with others as you display your collection—or part of it at the Jasper County Fair.

The choice is yours. You may choose any type of article you desire. Here are suggestions, but the choices are unlimited:

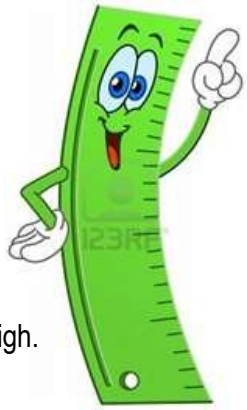
Buttons	Matchbooks	Arrowheads
Leaves	Glass	Cups & Saucers
Flowers	Rocks	Antiques
Salt Shakers	Stamps	Dishes
Models	Coins	Bottles
Pitchers	Spoons	Dolls
Baseball Cards	Football Cards	Pencils

After selecting the type of articles you are going to collect, keep a record on how your collection grows by filling out the attached sheets. Remember to put your actual RECORD SHEET in your Green Record Folder, Your RECORD OF PURCHASES and your STORY should be checked in with your project at pre-fair check-in.

Because of space and display restrictions, no living plants or animals may be displayed as a collection. Your Story and your Record of Purchases will be considered and judged as an important part of your collection exhibit. Your Record Sheet MUST be turned in with your Green Record folder in order for you to exhibit your project at the County Fair. Remember, this is YOUR collection and YOUR project.

Project Rules:

1. ALL completed record sheets and manuals/activity books must be turned in to the 4-H club leader by July 1st, and must be securely attached in the green "Indiana 4-H Club Member's Record Book".
2. **It should go without saying that the collection must be owned by the 4-H'er, and may not be "borrowed" from someone else.**
3. **In all divisions if the collection is too large or valuable to exhibit, a notebook containing photos and descriptions of your collection can be exhibited with, or in place of, your collection.**
4. Collection may be taken home after judging IF a collection of photos in album form (3 ring binder, etc.) is left in its place. **Collections must be signed out by 4-H'er at the office**. Photo quality will not be judged, but they should be clear, sharp photos if possible. **NOTE:** All photos should be neatly arranged, labeled and mounted in a notebook with the completed "My Record of Purchases" page included.
5. No living plants or animals may be displayed.
6. "Record of Purchases" and "My Story" pages **must be exhibited with collection.**



Beginner (Grades 3-5)

Exhibit a portion or example of the collection, not to exceed 2'x3'x3' high.

Intermediate (Grades 6-8)

Exhibit a new collection, or a continuation of the previous division. Exhibit must not exceed 2'x3'x3' high.

Advanced (Grades 9-12)

Exhibit a new collection, or a continuation of the previous division. Exhibit must not exceed 3'x3'x4' high.

Exhibit Suggestions

The Extension Office, 4-H Council, and the Fairboard cannot take responsibility for any damage, loss, or theft of a collector's exhibit. Protection and precaution will be used to safeguard the exhibits in as much as is reasonably possible. It is therefore recommended that valuable objects be protected in a display board or left at home.

Judging Guidelines:

1. Judging will be based on neatness and completeness of records.
2. The Judge will review your story, taking your age/grade into account.
3. Are your items ready for exhibit? Are they clean, labeled, and displayed in a an appropriate manner?
4. The judge will look for originality, arrangement of display and/or notebook.
5. While judging collections that have been in more than 1 year, the judge will consider your growth as a collector. That is—have you added to your collection within the past year and what have you done to increase your knowledge about this hobby?

SCORE CARD		
		Possible:
Neatness of display/notebook		____/ 30
"Story" on collection		____/ 20
Completeness of Records on each item		____/ 15
Completeness of project		____/ 15
Originality		____/ 10
Creativity		____/ 10
	TOTAL	____/100
Comments:		

Grade (As of January of Current year) _____ ***Year*** _____

Record Sheet

Name _____ ***Telephone*** _____ ***Years in 4-H*** ____

Address _____ ***City*** _____ ***Zip*** _____

Name of 4-H Club _____ ***Years in Collections Project*** _____

I have reviewed this record and believe it to be both complete & correct.

Signature of 4-H Leader _____ **Date** _____

1. Is there a special name for people who collect items like yours? _____
2. Why do you enjoy collecting these items? _____
3. Where were some of your articles originally made? _____

   Do you know a company name and/or country of origin? _____
4. How do you plan to add to your collection? _____
5. Where did you purchase or find most of your articles? _____
6. Do you expect your collection to become more valuable? _____

   If so, Why? _____
7. Would you ever sell or trade all or part of your collection? _____
8. Do you think other people should be interested in collecting items like yours? _____

   If so, why? _____
9. What is your favorite article? _____

   Why? _____
10. Have you read any books or articles about your hobby? _____

    If so, list them _____
11. Where and/or how do you store and/or display your collection at home? _____

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YOUR STORY ABOUT YOUR HOBBY- COLLECTING

Tell us, in your own words, about your hobby. How, when, and why did you start this collection? What is the most interesting thing about your collection and which item do you like best? Intermediate and Advanced Divisions should include their plans about the future of their collecting.

Signature of 4-H'er _____ Date _____

Record of Purchases

Accurate records are important in collecting. Your records will help you keep track of your collections, what items you have, when and where you found or received them, and the cost or value of your collection.

Name or Description of Article (be complete)	Date Purchased Or Added	Approximate Cost/Value	Location of purchase or find

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