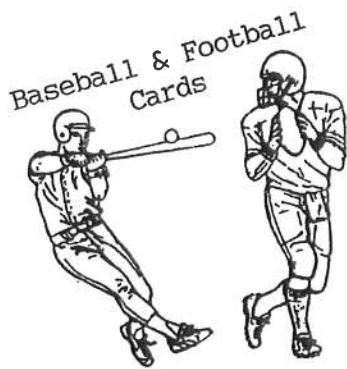


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NEWTON COUNTY

## 4-H COLLECTIONS PROJECT

Do you collect....

Matchbook covers?	Baseball or football cards?
Odd shaped or pretty rocks?	Bottles?
Aluminum cans?	Buttons?
Bottle caps?	Or any other items of interest?

Then the 4-H Collections Project is for you! Why?

Collections are:

1. Fun
2. Many times cost nothing
3. Who knows! You may be collecting tomorrow's antiques!

### BENEFITS OF COLLECTING

1. It is fun to look for specific items for your collection and it makes you feel good to see your collection grow.
2. It is educational because it introduces you to new people, places, and things as you find items for your collection.
3. It may add to your appreciation of your heritage.
4. It may make you appreciate the historic, scientific, cultural, or economic values of the items collected.
5. It may sharpen your imagination for collecting and displaying your collections.
6. It may help you meet other collectors.
7. It may not cost very much money, if any.
8. It may help you to develop a lifelong interest.

### STORING YOUR COLLECTION

It is wise to select a special place in your home to store your collection. This may be in your own room or one you share. A sturdy cardboard box, shelves, a notebook, or a bulletin board would be appropriate to store your collection. You may want to label your "collection place" so your family will know that the items placed there are special to you. If you arrange your collection attractively and they know of your interest, perhaps they will enjoy contributing items to your collection.

You may find others who share your interest. Often when this happens you can trade items. You may have two of one item and can trade one of them for something that you do not have. Why not share your enjoyment of collection with others.

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. 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 4-H fair.

The choice is yours. You may choose any type of article you desire, except alcoholic beverage items or obscene materials. Following 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
Bottle Caps	Baseball cards	Football cards
Sea Shells	Tea Pots	Key Chains

After selecting the type of articles you are going to collect, keep a record on how your collection grows by filling out the record sheet. This is very important because your record sheet is to be displayed with your collection at the county fair for judging.

Because of space and display restrictions, no living plants or animals may be displayed as a collection. Your story and record of your collections will be considered and judged as an important part of your collection exhibit. Remember, this is your collection and your project.

#### REQUIREMENTS

Beginner Exhibit a portion or example of the collection. Use an attractive display not to exceed 2' x 3' x 3'. Completed record sheet must also accompany exhibit.

Intermediate Exhibit a new collection or a continuation of the Division I collection, with a completed record sheet. Exhibit not to exceed 2' x 3' x 3'.

Advanced Exhibit a continuation of previous division or a new collection with a completed record sheet. Exhibit shall not exceed 3' x 3' x 4'. Members receiving Champion in Advanced or Above can repeat this division, but must exhibit a completely different collection. All others may repeat this division by adding to the previous years collection.

\* 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. Photo quality will not be judged, but they should be clear, sharp photos, if possible. All photos should be neatly arranged, labeled and mounted in a notebook with the completed record sheet.

## EXHIBIT SUGGESTIONS

Your record sheets, story, questions and collection record are to be displayed and will be judged as part of your exhibit.

The Extension Office, 4-H Council, Inc, and the Fair Board 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 case, fastened to 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 into account.
3. Are your items ready for exhibit? Are they clean, labeled and displayed in an appropriate manner?
4. The judge will look for originality, arrangement of display and/or notebook.
5. In Division II and above, 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	
	<u>Possible</u>
Neatness of display/notebook	30
"Story" on Collection	20
Completeness of Records on each item	15
Completeness of Project	15
Question Sheet	
Originality	10
Creativity	10
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Total	100
Comments:	<hr/>
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COLLECTIONS RECORD SHEET

YEAR \_\_\_\_\_

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ AGE \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ CITY \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF CLUB \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE # \_\_\_\_\_

BIRTHDATE \_\_\_\_\_ YEARS IN 4-H \_\_\_\_\_ YEAR IN PROJECT \_\_\_\_\_  
(Include this year)

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

SIGNATURE OF LEADER \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

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. Members in Division III and Above should include their plans about the future of their collecting.

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SIGNATURE OF 4-H'ER \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

PROJECT QUESTION SHEET

1. Is there a special name for people who collect items like yours? (People who collect rocks and minerals are sometimes known as "Rock Hounds.")  

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2. Why do you enjoy collecting these items?  

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3. Where were some of your articles originally made? Do you know a company name and/or country or origin?  

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4. How do you plan to add to your collection?  

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5. Where did you purchase or find most of your articles?  

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6. Do you expect your collection to become more valuable and why?  

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7. Would you ever sell or trade all or part of your collection?  

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8. Should other people be interested in collecting items like yours and why do you think so?  

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9. What is your favorite article? Why?

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10. Have you read any books or articles about your hobby? If so, list them.

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11. Where and/or how do you store and/or display your collection at home?

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