

# Collections



**Please keep this book for future reference. It covers your 1<sup>st</sup> through 10<sup>th</sup> year.**

A Record Sheet and Project Question Sheet can be found on our website at [www.ag.purdue.edu/counties/monroe](http://www.ag.purdue.edu/counties/monroe) under the 4-H Youth Development link or can be obtained at the Monroe County Extension Office.

## General Information

1. The Fair Board and 4-H Board cannot take responsibility for the damage, loss, or theft of a collector's exhibit. It is therefore recommended that valuable objects be protected in a display case or left at home.
2. A completed **Record Sheet, Question Sheet, and Collection Story**, must accompany your collection. The **Record Sheet** and **Question Sheet** are available on the Monroe County Extension Website or Monroe County Extension Office. Your collection story must be on a sheet of white 8½ X 11 paper (lined or unlined). It can be written in ink or typed. Divisions 1 and 2 cannot exceed 100 words; Advanced Division cannot exceed 150 words.
3. In all divisions, if the collection is too large or valuable to exhibit, a notebook containing photographs and descriptions of your collection can be exhibited 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 and labeled.
4. Please note we have limited exhibit space.

## Exhibit Requirements

### DIVISION 1

Exhibit a portion or example of your collection. Make an attractive display. Please complete a **Record Sheet, Question Sheet, and Collection Story**. Division 1 can be repeated (only once) if the 4-Her starts a new collection that is different from the previous year's collection in Division 1.

### DIVISION 2

Exhibit a new collection or continuation of your Division 1 collection, with a completed **Record Sheet, Question Sheet, and Collection Story**. Division 2 can be repeated once, if the 4-Her starts a new collection, different from the previous year, in Division 2.

### ADVANCED

Exhibit a continuation of previous divisions or a new collection and a completed **Record Sheet, Question Sheet, and Collection Story**. Exhibits should be in a display case or covered box. Members receiving Champion in Advanced Division can repeat this division, but must exhibit a completely different collection. All others may repeat this division by adding to the previous year's collection.

## 4-H Collectors Record Sheet

Name or description of article (be complete)	Date Purchased or Added	Approximate Cost or Value	Location of Purchase or Find

**Note: Use additional pages if necessary**

## Project Questions Sheet

1. Why do you enjoy collecting these items?
2. Where were some of your articles made or manufactured? Remember that some companies make containers or parts for other companies
3. How do you plan to add to your collection?
4. Where did you purchase or find most of your articles?
5. Do you expect your collection to become more valuable and why?
6. Would you ever sell your collection?
7. Should other people be interested in collecting this item and why?
8. What is your favorite article?
9. Have you purchased any books about your collection? If so, please list them.

## Your Story on Your Collection

Each record book must begin with a story about your collection. This story must be on a sheet of white 8½ X 11 paper (lined or unlined). It can be written in ink or typed. Divisions 1 and 2 cannot exceed 100 words; Advanced Division cannot exceed 150 words.

Each member must write their own story, with assistance in editing or typing only. Stories should be titled and titles should mention the item being collected. Your story should tell how and why your collection started. Tell where you keep your collection at home. Tell some interesting facts about your items and why you value them. In the Advanced Division, you may want to tell about the history of your items and how you hope to continue your collection.

The following is an example of a story by a boy named Bueford, who is in Division 2.

### *Collecting Hubcaps – Legally*

*My collection began with my first trip to the junk yard with Dad. These shiny chrome objects attracted my attention. Their low price and many styles seemed appealing.*

*After purchase, I polished each one and hung them in the garage. The nicer ones decorate my bedroom wall. Several hubcaps are antiques with the "Packard" being my favorite. The 1933 Chevrolet hubcap is rare because that was during the depression when cars and metals were scarce.*

*Hubcaps are bright, shiny, stylish, and teach automotive history. Maybe you should consider collecting hubcaps.*

Bueford's story avoided obvious statements that hubcaps are neat, fun, or that he enjoys his collection. Few people collect anything that they don't enjoy. Avoid wordiness and try to tell as much as you can in less than 100 words (150 words in the Advanced Division)

## Exhibit Suggestions

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A complete collection could be shown using photographs, if the items are valuable or too large to display. Photos should be securely mounted and labeled in a notebook with the completed record sheets.

## Judging Guidelines

1. Judging will be based on neatness and completeness of records.
2. The judge will review the story on your collection, taking into account the age of the exhibitor.
3. Primary consideration will be given to item collected since last year's fair.
4. Judge will look for originality, arrangement of display and/or notebook.

## Exhibit Score Card

<b>Neatness of display/notebook</b>	<b>Possible 30</b>	
<b>Story on Collection</b>	<b>Possible 20</b>	
<b>Completeness of Records on each item</b>	<b>Possible 15</b>	
<b>Completeness of Project Question Sheet</b>	<b>Possible 15</b>	
<b>Originality</b>	<b>Possible 10</b>	
<b>Creativity</b>	<b>Possible 10</b>	
<b>Total</b>	<b>Possible 100</b>	
<b>Comments</b>		

Before you turn in your exhibit: Check to see that all items are neatly labeled and that you have included your Collection Story, Record Sheet, and the Project Question Sheet.