

**Purdue
Extension-
Hancock
County
4-H**



4-H Collections Project



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Do you collect: toy tractors, dolls, Precious Moments figurines, coins, baseball or football cards, bottles, buttons or any other item which interests you? The 4-H Collections Project is for YOU! Collections are fun! They make interesting hobbies and are relatively inexpensive. Who knows - you might be collecting tomorrow's antiques.

The choice on what to collect is yours. You may choose one of any type of article you desire. Listed below are some suggestions - but YOUR CHOICE IS NOT LIMITED TO THESE -

Hats
Pitchers
Salt Shakers
Match Books
Glass
Buttons
Mini-Tractors
Teddy Bears
Beanie Babies

Cookie Jars
Rocks/Gems
Stamps
Coins
Spoons
Arrow Heads
Baseball Cards
Comic Books
Stuffed Animals

Baskets
Bells
Dishes
Bottles
Dolls
Butter Molds
Figurines/Statues
Thimbles
Small Cars

Project Guidelines and Exhibit Requirements

- Age Divisions: Clovers (Grades 3-5); Juniors (Grades 6-8), Seniors (Grades 9 - 12)

- Exhibit **six (6) representative samples** of your collection from one category that have never been exhibited before. Space size should not exceed 24" x 36" (or call the Extension Office if this size will not accommodate your exhibit).

- Your collection may be exhibited in a box, on a poster, in a notebook, on a display board, or in any other manner that is attractively displayed. Attach labels to the items you display in order to explain them to the public who will see your collection. Examples: Matchbook cover given to me by my father's friend; Rock shaped like an apple; Button from my mother's wedding dress. Precaution should be considered in selecting your method of display and your display items to protect the value of your collection. **ALL ITEMS MUST BE ATTACHED SECURELY.**

- Each division is required to have a notebook/folder. The notebook/folder requirements are as follows:

- Completed 4-H Collectors Log (place inside of notebook/folder).

- Completed cost estimate log **of the six (6) items you are exhibiting** in the front of your folder.

- Number each item on your cost estimate log and correspond these with your "Collectors Log" and your items exhibit.

- Number each item on display. Example: 1. (corresponding number must be on the display) John Deere Hat \$10.00. 2. Pacers Hat \$16.00 - it will be removed after judging. Your folder or notebook should be kept up-to-date each year as the judge may want to look back through your project to see your progress.

- Include a picture of you with your collection and a short story of how you started your collection.

Exhibit Considerations

Here are some points to consider when preparing your exhibit for judging -

- Enjoyment received from this collection - showing and explaining to friends or groups.
- **COMPLETENESS, NEATNESS AND ACCURACY** of your collectors log. Must be legible for judge to read.
- Value (historic, scientific, etc.) - quality and care of samples
- Artistic Arrangement - labeling, neatness and attractiveness of your 4-H Exhibit

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 depending upon 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, they know of your interest, perhaps they will contribute items to your collection! Perhaps you and other collectors can trade items.

Benefits of the 4-H Collections Project

- It is fun to look for specific items for your collection and it makes you feel good to see your collection grow.
- It is educational because it introduces you to new people, place and things as you find items for your collection.
- It may add to your appreciation of your heritage.
- It may make you more aware of the world around you.
- It may sharpen your imagination.
- It may help you meet other collectors.
- It may not cost very much money, if any, to get started.
- Anticipated changes will probably include adding new items to your collections for Division 2 and up.

4-H Collector's Log

(Keep up to date)

List all articles in your collection (s) (collected in past years or this year)

Name of Article	Date Added	History of Article (include where and how you obtained it)	Tell what you enjoy most about this article

4-H Collections Estimated Log

NOTE: Clip this sheet to front of folder or notebook

List all articles in your collection(s) - Collected in past years and this year.
This sheet will be pulled out after judging.

KEEP UP TO DATE

Name of Article	Total Estimated Cost

4-H Collections Project Scorecard

	EXCELLENT	GOOD	NEEDS IMPROVEMENT
Display			
Attractive/artistic arrangement			
Correct number of articles displayed			
Each Article labeled			
Notebook			
4-H Collector's Log			
Pictures of entire collection included			
Estimated Log (to be removed after judging)			

Comments: