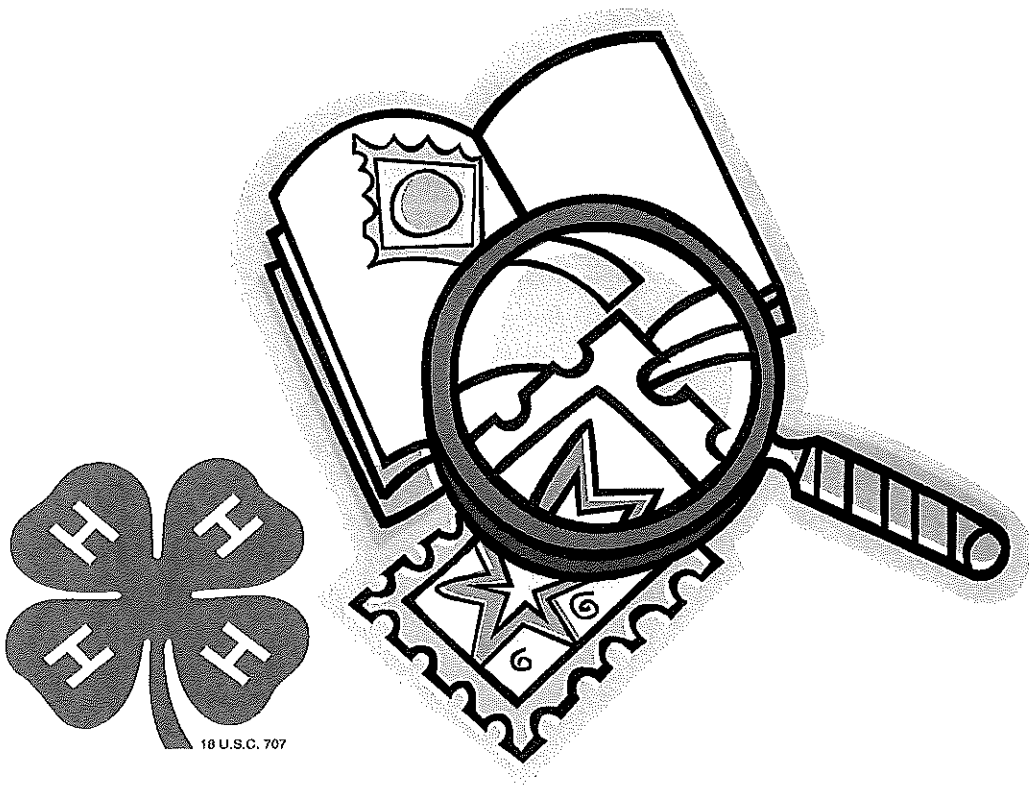


HAMILTON COUNTY 4-H COLLECTIONS



4-H COLLECTIONS PROJECT

Do you collect.....

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| Matchbook covers? | Baseball or football cards? |
| Odd shaped or pretty rocks? | Bottles? |
| Aluminum cans? | Buttons? |
| Bottle caps? | Or any other item which interests you? |

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 collecting 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.** Here are suggestions but the choices are unlimited:

Buttons	Matchbooks	Arrowheads
Leaves	Glass	Cups & Saucers
Flowers	Rocks	Dishes
Salt Shakers	Stamps	Bottles
Models	Coins	Dolls
Pitchers	Spoons	Baseball or football cards
Bottle Caps	Antiques	Pencils

After selecting the type of articles you are going to collect, organize your collection and keep a record of how your collection grows by filling out the Collector's Log. To fill out your approximate cost or value section of the Collector's Log you may want to check the internet or library for the value of the item.

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. You may want to attach labels to the items you display in order to explain them to the public who will see your collection. Examples: Rock shaped like an apple; Button from my mother's wedding dress.

EXHIBIT REQUIREMENTS:

Exhibit six representative samples of your collection from one category. (You must exhibit six (6) different items every year.) Each exhibited item should be labeled with a number, which should correspond to the item number in the Collector's Log. In addition, a notebook or folder must be exhibited that includes your Record Sheet & story, Collector's Log, and Project Question Sheet. (These items may be computer generated). Space size should not exceed 24" x 36". Call the Extension Office if this size will not accommodate your exhibit. NOTE: Notebook or folder must have in the lower right corner: Name, club, and level.

NOTE: No knives, guns, or other weapons may be displayed; pictures of weapons may be displayed instead.

You must also exhibit a 5" x 7" photograph of yourself and your collection. Please paper clip the picture inside your notebook or folder (do not glue or tape the picture inside your notebook). Please write your name and club on the back of your picture. The 5 x 7

picture will be removed after judging is completed and displayed during the fair in Hall C. You may pick up your picture when projects are released, or the picture will be placed in your leader's file. All items except your picture will be taken home after judging.

Your record sheet, story, questions and Collector's Log are to be displayed and will be judged as part of your exhibit.

The Extension Office or the 4-H Council 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 the Intermediate level and above, the judge will consider your growth as a collector. For example - 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 Question Sheet	15
Originality	10
Creativity	10
Total	100

Comments: _____
