

Collections Merit Badge Merit Badge Counselor: Bob Elliott

Your counselor has outlined below how he would like you to approach each of the requirements. **Read and bring the handbook for Collections merit badge with you.** The actual requirements can be downloaded from the following site: <https://www.scouting.org/programs/scouts-bsa/advancement-and-awards/merit-badges/>. You will need to scroll down to find it. The Merit Badge book is available from the Boy Scouts and has additional information on the badge. Come in uniform, and bring a filled-in merit badge card signed by your Scoutmaster.

Preparation is a must. Scouts will be signed off only on those requirements that the Merit Badge Counselor determines have been met. We look forward to seeing you at the museum.

Bring your collection with you, or a representative sample if you have a really large number of items in your collection. Photos of the collection and photos of the 2 groupings for requirement #5(b) are allowed if your collection is really big or large or the items are bulky.

Prior to the workshop, you will need to research and prepare answers to all of the requirements and be ready to present each of your answers to the group and counselor. Each type of collection is different, so it is not possible for the counselor to tell you the answers to the requirements.

Remember that **coins and stamps are not allowed** for the Collections merit badge, because those items have their own merit badges. Contact the museum if you need a counselor for stamp or coin collections.

If you need to cancel, you need to do so seven days before your merit badge is scheduled. This will allow us to add someone from the waiting list. We expect the Scouts attending this workshop to come prepared, having read the merit badge pamphlet, and completed the workbook for the requirements indicated.