

**Samoset Council
At Home Merit Badge Resource Guide**


Collections*

◦ Complete all the merit badge requirements listed below. When it says Counselor – you may use mom or dad as your Counselor. The merit badge is designed for one requirement to be completed each day.

◦ Once complete, fill out the *Samoset Council Scouting At Home Advancement Certificate* and turn in to your unit and email to support@samoset.org

◦ Merit Badge books may be ordered from the Samoset Scout Shop

◦ Worksheets may be found at <http://usscouts.org/mb/worksheets/list.asp>

Req 1	Req 2	Req 3a	Req 3b	Req 3c	Req 4a	Req 4b
Prepare a short-written report or outline for your counselor, giving a detailed description of your collection, including a short history. Be sure to include why you chose that particular type of collecting and what you enjoy and have learned from your collection.	Explain the growth and development of your collection.	Demonstrate your knowledge of preserving and displaying your collection. Explain the precautions you need to take to preserve your collection, including (1) Handling (2) Cleaning (3) Storage	Explain how best to display your collection, keeping in mind preserving as discussed above.	Explain to your counselor the events available for a hobbyist of this collection, including shows, seminars, conventions, contests, and museum programs and exhibits.	How investing and speculation would apply to your collection.	What you would look for in purchasing other collections similar to yours.
Req 4c	FREE DAY!	Req 5a	Req 5b	Req 5c	Req 5d	Req 5e:
What you would expect in return value if you decided to sell all or part of the collection.	What did the left eye say to the right eye? Between us, something smells!	Do the following: Discuss with your counselor at least 10 terms commonly used in your collection and be prepared to discuss the definition of each.	Show your counselor any two groups from your collection. Explain how you organized your collection and why you chose that method.	Explain how your collection is valued by other collectors, and display to your counselor any price guides that may be available.	Explain how your collection is graded for value, physical defects, size, and age. Show the various classifications or ratings used in your collection.	List the national, state, or local association responsive to your collection.
Req 5f	FREE DAY!	Req 6	Req 7	Req 8	* <i>Stamp and coin collecting are excluded from use for this merit badge.</i>	
Show the location of and explain to your counselor the identification number (if applicable), series, brand name (if any), and any other special identification marks.	What did one plate say to the other plate? Dinner is on me!	Discuss with your counselor the plans you have to continue with the collection in the future.	Discuss with your counselor why and how collecting has changed and how this applies to your collection.	Find out about career opportunities in collecting. Pick one and find out the education, training, and experience required for this profession. Discuss this with your counselor and explain why this profession might interest you.		