**International Scouting Collectors Association *Fact Sheet***

***Collections Merit Badge Presenter’s Guide***

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**Description**

*Collections Merit Badge Presenter’s Guide* provides an outline of the presentation banners created by International Scouting Collectors Association (ISCA). The banners were developed for the 2013 National Jamboree for Scouts to work at their own pace and ability to meet the requirements of the badge.

**Purpose**

The purpose of the guide is to be a resource for counselors and experienced collectors who will assist Scouts in the process of completing requirements for the Collections Merit Badge. **NOTE: This presenter’s guide is not intended to replace the Boy Scouts of America (BSA) Collections Merit Badge pamphlet.**

**Learning Objectives**

Review and use of this guide will enable counselors and experienced collectors to:

* Describe the difference between a collector and an acquirer (or hoarder) and provide direction on beginning a new collection or adding to an existing collection to meet the merit badge requirements.
* Provide Scouts with guidance on organizing, cataloging, displaying, and preserving memorabilia to educate others about their collections.
* Assist Scouts in discovering the life-long benefits of becoming a collector.

**Audience**

Two audiences will benefit from this guide:

* Direct audience: adult Scout leaders/counselors and experienced collectors assisting Scouts working toward completion of the merit badge requirements or others seeking to become collectors.
* Indirect audience: Scouts working on their merit badge through beginning or adding to a collection, as well as non-Scouts interested in becoming collectors.

**Length**

Adult leaders, counselors, and experienced collectors:

* Study of this guide is self-paced.

Scouts and existing collectors or Scouts and non-collectors learning how to begin:

* No prior collection or specific area of interest – The facilitator may choose to organize the banners into separate sessions to allow participants time to identify a collection interest, conduct beginning research on their area of interest, and acquire items to begin a collection.
* Existing collection with photographic evidence and knowledge of interest, terminology, and resources – The facilitator may choose to use this guide for review purposes only.

**Instructor Requirements**Adults over the age of 18 who are qualified Scout leaders or merit badge counselors or experienced collectors. NOTE: Adults working with Scouts must be registered with Boy Scouts of America and have met all the requirements for being an adult leader, including but not limited to background checks.

**Materials and Equipment**

ISCA has invested in producing over 30 vinyl banners to post as a walk-through exhibit at the National Jamboree and has acquired various resources from collectors to display as a reference for Scouts wishing to begin their research.

* The banners are available as a PDF document for adult Scout leaders and experienced collectors, and can be downloaded at **(ADD LINK)**.
* The *Collections Merit Badge Presenter’s Guide* is available for download in PDF form at **(ADD LINK).**
* Collections MB Workbook requirements. Double-sided printable on 8.5” x 14” paper as a PDF Doc. **(ADD LINK)**

**Additional Information**The International Scouting Collectors Association members are collectors of Scouting memorabilia. ISCA has sponsored the Collections merit badge at numerous National Jamborees, and over 3,000 Scouts have achieved their merit badge. ISCA is a member of the Association of Collecting Clubs, which currently lists over 6,300 members.

* Those wishing to inquire about ISCA or become a member may visit ISCA’s website at [www.scouttrader.org](http://www.scouttrader.org).
* For information and questions about the *Collections Merit Badge Presenter’s Guide*, contact F.T. “Rick” Bedsworth, ISCA Western Region Coordinator and Lead Counselor for NJ 2010 and 2013, at [KWTRDR@gmail.com](mailto:KWTRDR@gmail.com).