

COLLECTIONS

PLEASE NOTE: Any changes/updates from the previous year will be *BOLDED and ITALICIZED*! Pay special attention to any projects with *BOLD, ITALICIZED WORDS* because they have changed from last year.

Completion, exhibition participation, and information for Collections			
Division/Level	Grades (suggested)	Completion Activities Needed*	Maximum State Fair Entries
Division 1	3-5	EXHIBITION WITH NOTEBOOK/FOLDER CONTAINING COLLECTIONS RECORD AND COLLECTION STORY –or– RECORD SHEET	No State Fair Entry
Division 2	6-8	EXHIBITION WITH NOTEBOOK/FOLDER CONTAINING COLLECTIONS RECORD AND COLLECTION STORY –or– RECORD SHEET	No State Fair Entry
Division 3	9-12	EXHIBITION WITH NOTEBOOK/FOLDER CONTAINING COLLECTIONS RECORD AND COLLECTION STORY –or– RECORD SHEET	No State Fair Entry

Remember: All posters, notebooks, and display boards **MUST** include a reference list indicating where information was obtained, giving credit to the original author, to complete the 4-H member's exhibit. This reference list should/might include web site links, people and professionals interviewed, books, magazines, etc. It is recommended this reference list be attached to the back of a poster or display board, be the last page of a notebook, or included as part of the display visible to the public. A judge is not to discredit an exhibit for the way references are listed. Reference Sheets are available at the Extension Office for use if needed. For personal safety, do not include personally identifiable information such as mailing address or phone numbers on posters/displays/exhibits.

SUGGESTED REFERENCE MATERIALS (available for free download on Hendricks County Extension Website)

- Collections Book

GUIDELINES

1. Refer to the Hendricks County 4-H Policies, Entry & Exhibit Guidelines for poster and general display guidelines.
2. Be sure to enroll in the project on 4-HOnline and enter exhibit information into FairEntry by designated date.
2025 designated FairEntry Deadline is Tuesday, July 1st at 11:59 p.m.
3. Complete the Record Sheet (if not exhibiting at the Hendricks County 4-H Fair).
4. Total exhibit size will be no larger than 24 inches in any direction or standard poster size. All exhibits should be placed within a display case or covered with heavy plastic. Items larger than dimensions above may be displayed as a photograph in a notebook or in a display case.
5. Put a 4-H FairEntry exhibit label on your folder and on your exhibit collection.
6. Attach your own labels to your exhibited collected items to explain them to the public. All items **MUST** be numbered.
7. All small, fragile, or unusual items should be well protected. All collections should be in an enclosed display for their safety.
8. Valuable items and collections of large objects will not be exhibited. After judging, 4-H members will be able to take these items home and display a binder and picture in place of the physical collection.
9. If you plan to exhibit the same type of collection for more than one year, follow the guidelines in your grade division for the amount to add each year. New items should be designated with a star or asterisk by the number (example: 1*, 2*, etc.).
10. Should you choose to start a new collection, you may opt to exhibit the minimum amount required in your grade division and continue adding from there. You should still include previous year's Record Sheets, Collection Records, and Collection Stories in your notebook/folder.

EXHIBIT CLASSES

Division 1: Grades 3-5 (suggested)

- Exhibit your collection of at least 7 items along with a notebook or folder containing your completed Collections Record Sheet, Collection Record, and Collection Story sheet.
- For each year in this division, you must add an additional 3-5 new items to your collection.
- Notebook/Binder should contain pictures of collection items from previous years (including any years where member has exhibited a different collection).

Division 2: Grades 6-8 (suggested)

- Exhibit your collection of at least 20 items along with a notebook or folder containing your completed Collections Record Sheet, Collection Record, and Collection Story sheet.
- For each year in this division, you must add an additional 3-5 new items to your collection.
- Notebook/Binder should contain pictures of collection items from previous years (including any years where member has exhibited a different collection).

Division 3: Grades 9-12 (suggested)

- Exhibit your collection of at least 20 items along with a notebook or folder containing your completed Collections Record Sheet, Collection Record, and Collection Story sheet.
- For each year in this division, you must add an additional 5-7 new items to your collection.
- Notebook/Binder should contain pictures of collection items from previous years (including any years where member has exhibited a different collection).