



Coin Collecting

Merit Badge Worksheet

BYU Merit Badge POWWOW

Scout's Name:

Counselor's Name:

Scout's Address:

City

State

ZIP

Instructions

- 1) The Scout is to review the merit badge book before the first week of PowWow.
- 2) Bring this work sheet, paper, and pen or pencil each week.

Requirement Instructions*

- 1) **Prior to PowWow**, the Scout should collect coins for requirements 6 and 7, and begin one of the options in requirements 9 and 10. Bring your collections to the PowWow.
- 2) Requirements 1, 2, 3, and 4 will be covered and should be passed off the **first** Saturday of PowWow.
- 3) Requirement 7 should be completed as **homework** in the time between the two sessions of PowWow.
- 4) Requirements 9 and 10 need to be completed as **homework** in the time between the two sessions of PowWow if they were not completed beforehand.
- 5) Requirements 5, 6 and 8 will be covered and should be passed off the **second** Saturday of PowWow.

* Due to possible time constraints at the PowWow, certain requirements that were originally planned to be completed in class may need to be completed as homework. Please listen to all instructions in class to be aware of any changes.

Requirement 1

Initial

How coins are made:

Where the active U.S. Mint facilities are located:

Requirement 2

Initial

Explain these collecting terms:

- a. Obverse -
- b. Reverse
- c. Reeding
- d. Clad
- e. Type set

f. Date set

Explain the grading terms:

a. Uncirculated

b. Extremely Fine

c. Very Fine

d. Fine

e. Very Good

f. Good

g. Poor

Requirement 3

Initial

Show five different grade examples of the same coin type.

Explain the term proof

Why is proof not a grade?

What are encapsulated coins?

Requirement 4

Initial

Know and list THREE different ways to store a collection, and describe the benefits, drawbacks, and expenses of each method.

Pick one to use when completing homework requirements.

Requirement 5**Initial**

Do ALL of the following:

- A. Demonstrate to your counselor that you know how to use two U.S. or world coin reference catalogs.

- B. Demonstrate how to read a numismatic magazine or newspaper and tell your counselor about what you learned.

Requirement 6**Initial**

Describe the 1999-2008 50 State Quarters Program.

Collect and show your counselor five different quarters you have acquired from circulation.

Requirement 7**Initial**

Collect from circulation a set of currently circulating U.S. coins. Include one coin of each denomination (cent, nickel, dime, quarter, half-dollar, dollar). For each coin, locate the mint marks, if any, and the designer's initials, if any.

Cent -

Nickel -

Dime -

Quarter -

Half-dollar -

Dollar -

Requirement 8**Initial**

Do ALL of the following:

- A. Identify the people depicted on the following denominations of current U.S. paper money:

\$1 -

\$2 -

\$5 -

\$10 -

\$20 -

\$50 -

\$100 -

B. Explain "legal tender."

C. Describe the role the Federal Reserve System plays in the distribution of currency.

Requirement 9

Initial

Do ONE of the following:

A. Collect and identify 50 foreign coins from at least 10 different countries.

B. Collect and identify 20 bank notes from at least five different countries.

C. Collect and identify 15 different tokens or medals.

D. For each year since the year of your birth, collect a date set of a single type of coin.

Requirement 10

Initial

Do ONE of the following:

A. Tour a U.S. Mint facility, the Bureau of Engraving and Printing facility, or a Federal Reserve bank, or a numismatic museum or exhibit, and describe what you learned to your counselor.

B. With your parent's permission, attend a coin show or coin club meeting, or view the Web site of the U.S. Mint or a coin dealer, and report what you learned. (*Note: Per National, "parent's" means "parent's or guardian's".*)

C. Give a talk about coin collecting to a group such as your troop, a Cub Scout pack, or class at school. Attach a copy to this worksheet.

D. Do drawings of five Colonial-era U.S. coins.

Merit badge work sheets will not be accepted at the Council Office in place of the official Merit Badge Application Card. Those who do not complete all the requirements should take their partially completed merit badge work sheet and their official application card to their local merit badge counselors for completion.