

GUIDELINES FOR A COLLECTION (SCIENTIFIC)

Choose any natural object for your collection that is possible for YOU to gather or photograph in which you have an interest. Avoid commercial collections or plastic toys that you have purchased. Once you have collected several objects for your collection, use whatever sources you can to find out information about your objects. Consult sources to find the scientific names for the items in your collection. You should also write down information that tells about your objects: where it was collected, when it was collected, by whom it was collected.

Organize your collection according to the information you gathered. For example, in learning about rocks, you might have found that there are three types. Organize your rock collection into the three types of rocks. Carefully and neatly label each item in your collection with the following information: scientific name, date collected, and geographical location collected. Small cards work best for labels.

On your display, include a title, information about the items in your collection, and the reason why you organized the collection as you did.

For objects that would be physically difficult to display (like snowflakes, tree bark, or geologic land forms) clear photographs taken by the exhibitor can be substituted, as long as they are properly labeled.

NOTE: If the child is entering the Alaska Science and Technology Fair in Anchorage, **NO ANIMAL OR VEGETABLE MATTER OF ANY KIND CAN BE DISPLAYED.** You may use photographs instead.