

Pin Trading



1. Explain the origins of pin trading and how it got started in the Pathfinder Club.
2. Define the following terms:
 - a. Button
 - b. Clutch
 - c. Etiquette
 - d. Lanyard
 - e. Pin
 - f. Venue
3. Identify two of the most common types of pin backs and demonstrate or describe how to safely attach and remove them.
4. Name at least five places where you can get pins for trading, including free or inexpensive pins. Collect at least three to five pins for trading from one or more of these sources.
5. Discuss at least five different methods of displaying your pins for trading. Choose a method you like and arrange your pins for trading.
6. Name five venues or events where pin trading is a popular activity.
7. Discuss the three F's of pin trading etiquette:
 - a. Fun
 - b. Fair
 - c. Friendly
8. Discuss Matthew 6:19-21 in light of trading and collecting pins. Include in your discussion:
 - a. How can one trade and collect pins without giving up their focus on heaven?
 - b. How can pin trading help us be more like Jesus?
 - c. What behaviors and attitudes should we avoid while pin trading?
9. Trade pins with at least five people you don't know at a venue or event where pin trading takes place and use the "Fun, Fair, Friendly" principles of etiquette. Share with someone else or in a group any interesting stories or people you met while trading pins.

Skill Level 1

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Pin Trading, Advanced

1. Have the Pin Trading honor.
2. Identify the factors that affect the following about pins:
 - a. Cost
 - b. Value
3. Describe the following types of pins:
 - a. Cloisonné
 - b. Die cast
 - c. Die struck
 - d. Hard enamel
 - e. Offset printed
 - f. Photo etched
 - g. Silk screened
 - h. Soft enamel
4. What is an epoxy dome and what are its advantages and disadvantages?
5. Identify the following types of pin accessories or embellishments:
 - a. Blinker
 - b. Bobble head
 - c. Dangler
 - d. Glitter
 - e. Rhinestones
 - f. Slider
 - g. Spinner
 - h. Twirler
6. Identify the following types of pin backs and demonstrate or describe how to safely attach and remove them:
 - a. Locking clutch
 - b. Locking safety pin clasp
 - c. Magnetic back
 - d. Safety pin clasp
7. Discuss how the “Golden Rule” applies to pin trading etiquette.
8. Complete two of the following activities related to pin trading:
 - a. Collect a complete “set” of pins by trading at one of the pin trading venues.
 - b. Collect at least two free pins at exhibit booths at a camporee, convention, trade show, or other event.
 - c. Make a handmade pin book for displaying your collection of pins.
 - d. Make two or more handmade pins for trading.
 - e. Set up a display of your pin collection at church for Pathfinder Sabbath, at a Pathfinder Fair, or at another event like a state or county fair.
 - f. Submit a design to your club or conference for a camporee trading pin.
 - g. Write two or more letters to your city, state, or province, or to companies that sponsor sporting events or the Olympics and ask if they have pins. If they send you a free pin(s), be sure to follow up with a thank-you letter.

9. Do one of the following to help a new pin trader, then discuss your experience with someone else or in a group:
 - a. Be an advocate for a new pin trader and help in the trade using the “Fun, Fair, Friendly” principles of etiquette.
 - b. Give away one of your pins to a new pin trader in order to help him or her get started in pin trading.
10. Trade pins with at least fifteen people you don’t know at a venue or event where pin trading takes place and use the “Fun, Fair, Friendly” principles of etiquette. Keep a diary of the people you trade pins with and any interesting things that happen during your pin trading experiences.

Skill Level 2

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