

from summer camp memory to world collector

Rules and tips for swapping and collecting



The Scout Collectors Circle of the Netherlands (NVvSO) helps and supports scout collectors with collecting and exchanging. The exchange is aimed at strengthening (international) friendship, historical knowledge about scouting and the preservation of scouting objects.

Creating a (scouting) collection appeals to your:

- knowledge (about the items that are collected)
- perseverance (to complete a collection)
- creativity and resourcefulness (to get hold of the items) and
- attention to the environment (to build and maintain relationships for exchange).



1 – Swop fairly

Exchange objects of similar value. That value is determined, for example, by the number that has been created, the age of the object, its condition and quality and the demand.

2 – Swop because you want both

Swopping is not mandatory. If you cannot agree on the exchange, it is wiser not to swop. So respect it when someone else does not want to swop something, and clearly state it yourself. When you do not want to swop.

3 – Swop in balance

Swop a badge or patch for a badge or patch, a book for a book and a scarf for a scarf, etc. Furthermore, scouts naturally trade with scouts and leaders with leaders. A leader can also trade with a scout and viceversa, when a 2nd leader is present. The swop must come from two sides and also give a good feeling on both sides.

4 – Swop with a purpose

The first aim of swopping is not “to have” the object. Help the other person to complete his or her collection and viceversa. Leave the collections of each other better than you have found them.

5 – Close the swop properly

It is good practice to close the swopping by giving each other a (left) hand and thanking each other.

Swap tips

- Become a member of the NVvSO, there is knowledge, experience and contacts, see www.nvvso.nl and look on Facebook and Instagram.
- Be polite and try to work it out together.
- When swopping, do not necessarily assume that the other person also wants to swop.
- If you do not come to an agreement about the swop. Then ask if you can take a picture of the exchange item. At least you have an image of what you are looking for.
- If in doubt about your swop, ask advice from collectors with more experience.

Become a member? Scan the QR-code or e-mail us!

