

# 2013 COIN SAFARI

Greeting Young Adventure Members (YAMs):

Thank you for agreeing to participate in our EXPEDITION! We are going deep in to the wild to capture some wild coins. Most coins will be modern and easy to find. If we are lucky, maybe we will find a rare or (almost) extinct species!

Once we are done searching, we will put our collection of finds into a ZOO! We will bring the Zoo with us to our September meeting. Our Zoos will be put on display for everyone in the club to view and compete for a surprise award.

I have attached below a list of some ideas for your ZOO! Some are easy and some require more effort. You can decide. Think of your own Zoo you want to make. You can acquire your Zoo Species in a variety of ways:

- Search rolls of coins and banks;
- Taking coins from your own collection;
- Purchase coins from Zoo Dealers or Animal Traders (trade coins);
- Borrow from others (Coins on loan from Granddad's Zoo!);

Just remember to label and identify where the Zoo Species are from.

Some Species of Coins are extinct and will not be available for your Zoo. You can find a picture from a magazine, newspaper or download an image from the internet to fill the missing spaces in your zoo.

I (with the support of WCNS) have supplied you with the "Official Field Guide to Wild and Captured Coins Found in the USA." This guide will help you identify the different Families of the Denomination. It has the history of each species and numbers that were known to roam the country. It is a guide that will help expense to add the specie to your collection. Thank- you WCNS and Stephen!

Beware of invasive species...coins from other countries....Can you capture any?

I have also attached some examples some pictures of Zoos! Take a look and make the one you like!

This Coin Safari Expedition can be as long or short as you want it. Have Fun! Ask for help if you need it! I can be contacted via telephone (413) 436-5913 or email: [gluemark@gmail.com](mailto:gluemark@gmail.com).

Good luck on the Expedition. Happy Hunting!

Sincerely,

Your Tour Guide,  
Ranger Mark

P.S. No coins will or should be harmed in making our Zoos. Use your finger tips to hold the coin by the edges so they don't bite you! Keep them safe in 2x2 holders or other protective holders.

P.P.S. Look for coins in the best condition and/or uncirculated. And look out for albino (Proof) coins. Those coins were not made for use as money, but as a collector coin!

Zoo Examples (Think of your own ideas):

Easy Zoos:

- Type set (one of each denomination – cent, nickel, dime, etc), try for a specific year.
- Variety sets: How many different Lincoln cent reverses?, How many faces of Thomas can you find? Your birth set; etc.
- Presidential set from 2007 to 2011 (either mint mark, or all “P” or “D”).
- Type set of all Small dollar coins (one presidential, one Native American, etc)
- State quarters....50 of them wow. A little bit harder, one from each mint (100 quarters). (and don't forget the Territory Quarters...How many? Look it up. What year are they?)
- How many different Presidents can you find on coins? Which coins?
- How many coins can you find without presidents?

Challenge Zoos:

- History of a denomination: Choose one type of a denomination (cent, nickel, or dime etc). Show major changes: Composition, design, mintmark locations etc.
- Put together a set (coin folder) of a denomination: Lincoln Memorial Cents, Jefferson Nickels etc.
- Presidential set from 2007 to 2011 – both mint marks (P and D).
- Coins with themes (Flags, animals, cars....)
- All coins from your birth year set (P & D)
- Coins with “S”. Can you find the last business strike coins from the San Francisco Mint? What are they? What years?

Coin Zoos:



Remember: YOU can create your own Zoo! Use card board, boxes, containers, etc....