Trading Post Things to know:
- The items you trade become part of the Trading Post, are no longer yours, and will be available for trade immediately.
- You can use the points you earn immediately, or you can save them up to use at another time.

Please bring us:
- Items that are of good quality.
- Items that are unique or interesting.
- A completed Trading Card (you can download one below or get one from the Trading Post)

We encourage responsible and ethical collecting. We CANNOT accept items that:
- Come from protected areas (like state/national parks or monuments) or private property without permission.
- Damage the environment.
- Are from threatened or endangered wildlife.
- Are living animals.
- Are fossils from animals with backbones (vertebrate fossils).
- Are from a bird (such as feathers, bird nests, bird eggs, or bird bones).
- Anything that has rotted, decayed, or smells bad (please clean bones and shells, press flowers and leaves, and freeze dead bugs for 2 weeks).
- Were made OR shaped by humans (the exceptions are polished rocks, foreign stamps, and foreign money).
- Items cannot be from Thanksgiving Point property (including the Discovery Gardens at the Museum of Natural Curiosity).

    Examples of items we will take:
    - Rocks, minerals, geodes, snail shells, sea shells, starfish, sand dollars, webs, coral, pressed leaves and flowers, sheds (antlers and reptiles), fossils without backbones (shells, insects, leaves, trilobites), clean skulls and bones, foreign coins and stamps, physical photos of uncollectible items in the environment you find them in (i.e. nests, eggs, feathers, vertebrate fossils, live vertebrate animals, etc), anything that is unique or interesting, and a lot more!

General Point Guideline:
    Points are determined on uniqueness and value of item, quality of item, thoroughness of research, and age of participant. Higher expectations of specimens and research will be held for older participants. Smaller children may earn points with verbal explanations and pictures drawn on their Trading Post card.