#NCSconnects Summer Camp Activity

**Activity:** Gimp Box Stitch Lanyard/Keychain

**Category:** Arts and Crafts

**Suggested Grade Level:** Grades 7-12

**Description:** Make a keychain or lanyard using the gimp box stitch technique.

**Supplies:**
- 2 spools of gimp lacing in different colors (at least 48 inches each – may be purchased at a craft store)
- Ruler
- Keychain ring or hook
- Scissors
- Glue (optional)

**Instructions:**
1. Measure 48 inches of two different colored strands of gimp.
2. Cross the strings down the middle (does not need to be exact).
3. Follow the below diagram to start stitching your gimp (this is the hardest part!).
4. Make two loops of the same color (as shown below). Then weave the other colors over and under. Make sure you pull very tightly after each stitch!

5. Keep going until you have about two inches of string left. At this point, you can double knot it and trim the edges off. Feel free to glue the end as well to prevent fraying.

6. Lastly, thread a keychain or hook to the very top of your lanyard. You can twist your gimp to give it a spiral look, as shown here.