#NCSconnects Summer Camp Activity

**Activity:** Family Flag/Crest

**Category:** Cultural, Civic, and Community Connections

**Suggested Grade Level:** Family & Me Activity

**Description:** Flags, crests, and coats of arms have been used for centuries to visually represent a group of people in a unique way. They are best known for their use in medieval times. This activity will have participants and families create either a flag, crest, or coat of arms to uniquely represent themselves.

**Supplies:**
- Paper
- Markers or pens
- Scissors
- Glue stick

**Instructions:**
1. Brainstorm values and images that best represent your family.
2. Once you have a couple of ideas down, begin to decide on how you would like to visually represent this – whether it be on a flag, crest, or coat of arms.
3. Design on paper with your markers or pens or begin cutting paper.
4. When your flag, crest, or coat of arms is complete, use the glue stick to secure any loose pieces of paper.
5. Hang your flag, crest, or coat of arms on the wall, mantle, or around a pencil or wooden dowel to show your family pride.

**Takeaways:** This activity allows families to identify a set of shared values while representing these visually through a collaborative design. This can be a rallying point to bring different perspectives together.