

## Camelot Activities

**Heraldry** Heraldry, also known as Coat of Arms, was developed during the Middle Ages as a way to recognize soldiers who were otherwise unrecognizable behind their helmets and face guards. Learn more about the meanings and symbolism behind the colors and various icons. Your residents could design their own coat of arms based on these [heraldry symbols](#).



**Castles** Castles were a focal point of medieval life during the time of King Arthur. Take your residents on a virtual tour of Raglan castle. Learn more about the construction and terms associated with medieval architecture. [Raglan Castle](#)



**Filmfest** The Middle Ages were an exciting and adventurous time, featuring knights, maidens, kings, and lords. Host a film festival highlighting this fascinating time in history. Here are some suggestions: *Braveheart*, *Kingdom of Heaven*, *The Name of the Rose*, *Excalibur*, *A knight's Tale*, *King Arthur*, *A Lion in Winter*, *The Princess Bride*, *Merlin*, and *Beowulf*.



**Herb Garden** Herbs played an important role in the treatment of ailments during the Middle Ages. They were also used in the kitchen to flavor meals. Learn more about [medieval herbs](#). Find a place for your residents to plant an herb garden, either indoors or out. Use the herbs in meals and for healing purposes.



**Stained Glass** Medieval churches and other significant structures often had windows made of stained glass. The designs may be abstract or they may incorporate stories from the Bible, history or literature. Have your residents make their own [mock stained glass art](#).



**Beowulf** *Beowulf* is an Old English epic poem and is commonly cited as one of the most important works of Old English literature. Read this classic tale of good versus evil with your residents. Use these [questions](#) to further explore the tale.

**Magician** Merlin was Arthur's tutor and advisor, but he was also known as a magician. Hire a magician to perform for your residents and guests and maybe even teach them a trick or two.



**Chess** Chess was one of the games played during the Middle Ages. Supply your residents with chess sets for lessons, games, and even a chess tournament.

**Candles** Have your residents make their own [hand-dipped taper candles](#) for decoration during your *Camelot*-themed celebration.

