

Crossed Arms (The Keys)

The crossed arms symbolize the keys to unlock the gateway to friendship.

The Castle

Anchoring the center of the shield, the castle represents our foundation of power and protection through comradery.

Friendship

The name "Amistad" is Spanish for "friendship." We are the House of Friendship!



The Peacock

The peacock is our symbolic animal — a creature representing the heart's desire to love and protect a friend. The peacock has a preserving spirit that never quits and never dies, just like us!

The Knight

The Knight is the symbol of the protector. While the peacock sits quietly on top, the knight shows that a fierceness lies within.

Red

Amistad is the red house, because red is the color that embodies the kindness of heart.

The Mute Swan

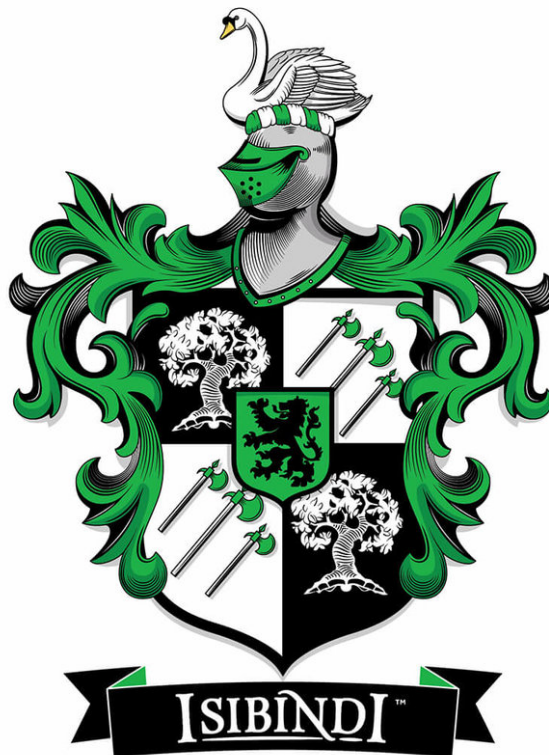
At the top of our crest is the Mute Swan, its beauty speaking volumes and its discernment a reflection of the storied tradition of Zulu leadership — astute, compelling and unwavering.

The Ebony Tree

The African ebony tree pays homage to the awe-inspiring beauty of the continent of our heritage.

Courage

"Isibindi" means "courage" in the language of Zulu.



The Zulu Axe

The ancient Zulu axe, hewn in the time of Shaka Zulu, pairs shrewd thought with the power to stand firm in the name of protecting land, people, and spirit.

The Lion

At the center of the crest is the lion. Living in a pride, dedicated to family, he is revered throughout the world for his enviable strength and courage.

Green

The color green reminds us of the rich and abundant resources of Africa.

Heart

The heart sits at the top of the crest because the heart is where kindness, generosity, and purity are born.

Diamond + Shield

The diamond on the shield, in the center of the crest, represents the importance of protecting others with unity and wisdom.

Giver

“Altruismo” is Portuguese for “altruism,” or “the givers” — and that is what we are known for being!



Griffin

With the head of an eagle and the courage of a lion, the griffin is one of the most powerful of all animals known for both strength and grace, fierceness and nurturing.

Black

The color black represents prestige and an elite quality, just like our kids. We are a House filled with talent, and we like to win.

Black is also the one color that contains all other colors — representing our goal of empowering all others.

The Knight

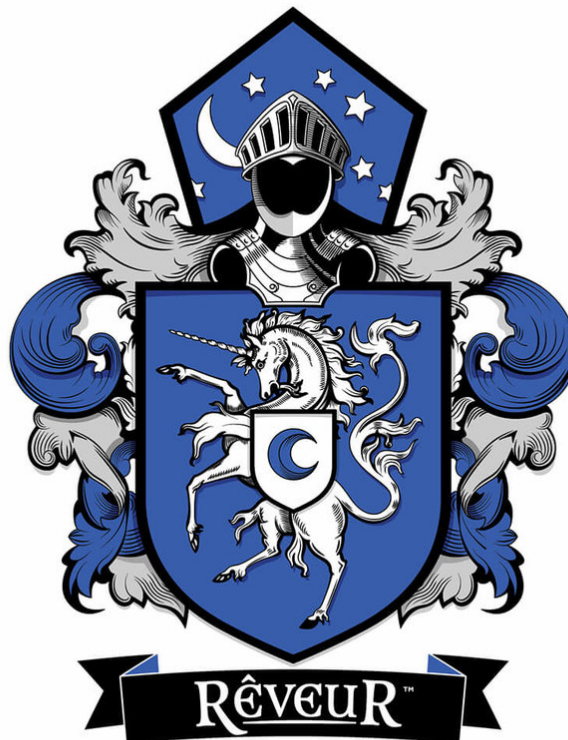
The open-visored helmet facing forward is typically reserved for the highest ranks of nobility. The knight is facing forward to symbolize having dreams and letting nothing stand in your way!

The Unicorn

A symbol of freedom, healing and beauty, the unicorn's powers are both magical and mystical. Known for its freedom and wild abandon, the unicorn is extremely difficult to tame.

Dreamer

Our name, “rêveur,” comes from the French for “dreamer or idealist.”



Crescent Moon

The crescent moon symbolizes new beginnings and the making of dreams into reality.

The moon also represents our symbolic animal, the wolf — because when the moon comes out, the wolves come out!

Blue

The color blue instills confidence and passion while releasing all fears and anxiety.