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## Parachute Games for Joey Scouts

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### The Swamp

Players sit in a circle on the floor holding a parachute with the edge drawn up under their chins and their legs stretched out straight in front of them. As they sit, each Joey Scout says the name of their favourite vegetable. The resulting "noise" sounds like a swamp at night. One Joey Scout slips under the parachute to become the swamp monster. The monster gently pulls the ankles of another player who slips under the parachute to become part of the monster. The game ends when all of the Joey Scouts are under the parachute.

### The Canopy

Grasp the edge of the parachute with an overhand grip, and squat down so the parachute is flat on the ground. On the count of three, stand up and stretch arms above head creating a canopy.

### Ball Toss

Put a ball into the centre of the parachute. Raise and lower the parachute to throw and catch the ball. When the Joey Scouts are skilled at this, try adding a second ball.

### Exchange

Hold the parachute in overhand grip, and inflate the parachute. Leader calls two names (or a month of the year, an age. Appropriate players let go and exchange places by moving under the canopy to an empty spot. Joey Scouts could be numbered off and exchange places by calling two numbers.

### The Cave

Grasp the edge of the parachute with an overhand grip, and inflate. Take a few steps toward the centre while the parachute is inflated. Release one hand from the parachute. Pull the parachute down behind the head and back with remaining hand. Kneel down holding the edge against the ground. Stay inside the parachute until it starts to deflate. Hold up the parachute, stand up and duck under to the outside.

### Under Cover

Hold onto the edges and inflate the chute. Still holding on, walk under the parachute to the centre and then back to original position. Or, meet in the centre and then all let go so that the parachute gently floats down to cover everyone.

### Fun Under the Chute

Grasp the edge of the parachute with an overhand grip and inflate. Beanbags, skipping ropes, balls, etc. have been placed under the parachute. Participants are numbered. Leader calls out a

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number and those participants run under the parachute and perform before the parachute deflates.

### **The Mushroom**

Grasp the edge of the parachute with an overhand grip and inflate. Pull edge of parachute to the ground, trapping air inside and creating a mushroom.

### **Flying Saucer**

Grasp the edge of the parachute with an overhand grip and inflate. Take one step forward once the chute is inflated. When the command "let go" is given, everyone release the parachute. The parachute should remain suspended in the air for a few seconds before it floats to the ground like a flying saucer.

### **Ball Slide**

Grasp the edge of the parachute with an overhand grip. Place one ball on the parachute. Make the ball slide around the chute by slowly raising the chute up and down. Keep the ball rolling so that it does not go off the edge.

### **Toad in The Hole**

Grasp the edge of the parachute with an overhand grip. Place two different coloured, small, rubber balls on the parachute. Divide the group into two teams (each team has one of the coloured balls. One team is on one side of the chute and the other team on the opposite side.) Each team tries to shake its ball into the centre hole before the other team. A point is scored each time a team's ball goes through the hole.

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