

# Connections Activity

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<b>Topic:</b>	Tarp Tricks- Problem Solving, Out-of-Your-Seat Activity
<b>Connection Goal:</b>	Personalization
<b>Grade Level:</b>	9-12
<b>Month:</b>	December
<b>Time Needed:</b>	25 minutes

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**Handouts/Materials Provided:**

- 2 tarps
- Small stuffed toy

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**Summary of Activit(es) for the Advisor:**

1. Separate the group into two teams.
2. Each team is given a tarp.
3. There are a variety of games you can play with the tarps. Each variation takes about 10 minutes each.

**Hands Attached/Turn Tarp:** Group stands around tarp and each person holds the tarp with both hands. Groups must turn over tarp without letting go of it.

**Hands Attached/Turn Tarp w/ stuffed animal on top:** Group stands around tarp and each person holds the tarp with both hands. A small stuffed animal is placed in the center of the tarp. Groups must turn over tarp without letting go of it and keeping the stuffed animal on the top of the tarp without touching it.

**New Leaf:** All group members stand on top of their tarp. The group must turn over the tarp without stepping off of it.

**Flying Frogs:** Group stands around tarp and each person holds the tarp with both hands. A small stuffed animal is placed in the center of the tarp. Members must throw the stuffed animal in the air, at least head height, and catch it.

**Flying Frogs Variation:** Group stands around tarp and each person holds the tarp with both hands. A small stuffed animal is placed in the center of the tarp. The two groups must switch stuffed animals by throwing the stuffed animal in the air to the opposite tarp.

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**Read/Review/Discuss/Do with students:**

- Discuss with groups the various ways they accomplished their task.
- Brainstorm other ways that the groups could have accomplished the same task.