

### **TOT Golden Triangle to Host Inaugural “Fun in the Sun” Event**

The Golden Triangle region of Teams of Tomorrow is hosting its inaugural “Fun in the Sun” event at 2 p.m. Sunday, June 20 at McKee Park to give families in the Starkville community a chance to learn more about TOT through presentations, games and sample classes.

Natalie Jolly, a Starkville resident and director of TOT Golden Triangle, invites all families with children ages 2-5 to check out TOT’s opportunities. Jolly said that this event is to bring families in the community together for a laid-back afternoon of fun to kick off the summer.

“We’re hosting this event to help spread the word about TOT,” Jolly said. “We hope that Fun in the Sun will be an opportunity for families to have fun together while learning something too.”

The event will begin with a short presentation from Jolly describing a typical TOT class, and then Jolly will give the children an opportunity to learn a few fundamental basketball skills while parents watch to gain a sense of how a typical TOT class functions.

Sarah Colvert, a junior communication major from Huntsville, Alabama, who is serving as public relations intern for TOT, said that there will be a surprise for children and families during the event.

“I don’t want to spoil anything, but there also will be a special guest,” said Colvert, with a pause. “We’ve invited Bully to attend Fun in the Sun and participate in the class, take pictures with participants afterwards and provide entertainment. We’re so excited to have our guests attend!”

In response to the ongoing pandemic, the event will be held outdoors, families will be socially distanced and masks will be encouraged. Jolly also said that each family will have

individually wrapped snacks and individual sets of materials to ensure minimal contact with others.

“Not only will there be refreshments,” Jolly said, “but we’ll also have goody bags for families and information about TOT. We want everyone to leave Fun in the Sun with a smile on their face and a brochure in their hand.”