



**PRESS RELEASE: Ferris' Tot's Place Child Development Center to Offer Bulldog Summer Camp**

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Included below is a press release regarding the upcoming Bulldog Summer Camp being offered this summer by Tot's Place Child Development center for children ages 5 to 12. In addition to that age group, Tot's Place also has programs and flexible scheduling options for infants, toddlers and preschoolers. Any questions regarding pricing, or Tot's Place in general, can be directed to the Center by calling (231) 591-2390. Any questions about this or other press releases can be directed to Sandy Gholston, interim assistant director of News Services.

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BIG RAPIDS – Summertime is fun time for children at Ferris State University's Tot's Place Child Development Center.

Tot's Place is gearing up for a series of fun, educational and engaging activities for children – including its 2011 Bulldog Summer Camp, which runs June 13 through Aug. 12 at its on-campus facility in Big Rapids. The camp, for ages 5 to 12 (campers must have completed young 5's or kindergarten program), runs from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. with nutritious meals served for breakfast, lunch and a snack. Each day, according to Tot's Place Manager Lori Johnson, brings forth new and exciting adventures for the children and staff.

“Tot's Place has been providing unique opportunities for children to enhance their learning skills during the summer months for more than 20 years,” Johnson said. “While at Tot's Place, children have many opportunities to explore their individual interests through hands-on experiences. Our philosophy for the summer months is to engage children in planning activities and experiences which interest them through opportunities to explore indoors, outdoors, and around the campus and community.”

Among the popular field trips that highlight the Bulldog Summer Camp experience are bowling, visits to the Card Wildlife Museum on campus, skating, visits Ferris' Television and Digital Media Production studio, swimming at the community pool, and spending time at the Mecosta County Agricultural Free Fair when it begins later this summer.

Daily activities involve the creative arts, athletics and fitness, cooking, the performing arts,

science and nature exploration and community service projects by choice of the children. Previous community service projects for the children have included the organization and execution of a bake sale to help save the community pool and the organization and delivery of flowers to local nursing homes.

“The bake sale was a huge success and a lot of fun for the children. The children raised \$240 to benefit the Charles A. Fairman Community Pool, one of their favorite field trip destinations,” Johnson said. “The Metron community service project the children completed with the assistance of Patterson’s Flowers was a success. Patterson’s Flowers generously donated the materials for the children to create floral arrangements.”

Tot’s Place currently has openings and a variety of scheduling options for children of all age groups this summer.

Tot’s Place also has camp program offerings for infants, toddlers and preschoolers with flexible scheduling options.

For more information about the Bulldog Summer Camp or Tot’s Place in general, call (231) 591-2390 or visit online at [www.ferris.edu/totsplace/](http://www.ferris.edu/totsplace/).

The Bulldog Summer Camp brochure can be found online at <http://www.ferris.edu/htmls/administration/adminandfinance/auxiliaryenterprises/services/totsplace/pdf/summercamp.pdf>

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