

Rabbi Avi Kaplinsky, Director



Dear Parents of Fifth Graders,

Welcome to Camp Nofesh 2024! Once again, we have planned an outstanding summer of ruchniyus with an emphasis on Torah and middos tovos and a summer of fun, excitement, and adventure, including exciting trips for all ages. We encourage you to register early so that you and your boys can take advantage of our early bird special.

For those of you who are new to Camp Nofesh, we are proud of our reputation for an excellent learning program featuring professional Rabbeim. There is a prize store providing learning incentives for every camper. We have weekly and monthly best-in-learning winners to encourage every learning group and weekly/monthly best in middos winners.

Our camp boasts a full-scale camping program including 2 beautiful and well-guarded pools, and spacious grounds, as well as full access to nearby parks and well manicured ball fields. We have exciting league competition with championship trophies and middos trophies awarded each half. Our excellent staff of counselors headed by Rabbi Shabsi Horowitz provides a safe, caring, and fun environment for our boys to play competitively. We are also keenly aware of those boys who enjoy alternatives to sports and we will provide them with extra access to the hobby room on days of arts and crafts, as well as our well-equipped game room.

Camp Nofesh boasts an excellent aquatics program run by our Aquatics director Rabbi Yaakov Rabinowitz, an experienced and talented water safety instructor. Our aquatics staff is trained and coached by Rabbi Rabinowitz and Rabbi Horowitz to give small group instruction to each and every child.

In addition, we have Rabbi Shmuel Rowner as the Camp Nurse on premises. He has many years of experience and is very capable in his role providing first aid care and handling boys with allergies, asthmatic conditions and for any and all health-related concerns. Parents are requested to contact him any time with any health concerns they may have with their son.

Of course, among the highlights of camp are our entertaining special activities. This year all the boys in Camp Nofesh will enjoy the spectacular on campus Nofesh amusement park/carnival day, with amazing inflatables and rides. Plus, there are a host of other special activities including Color War, Nofesh petting zoo, Olympics, Deal or No Deal) and much much more.

Camp Nofesh is famous for its fabulous and exciting trips to fun and exotic places. The fifth grade will have its own exciting and exclusive overnight (first half, to be announced). Details about this and all other trips will be sent to you via email when our itinerary is finalized.

Camp Nofesh enlists a security agency to provide guards for our campers every day from 8:30am – 5:30pm (Friday until 1:30). Camp Nofesh will therefore be charging \$100 per family to help defray the cost of providing this service.

Camp begins at 9:25am each day (with supervision beginning 9:15 AM) and ends at 5:15 PM.

After 4:00 PM campers will daven mincha, have a short shiur, get a snack provided by the camp and enjoy a special activity until the 5:15 dismissal. Friday dismissal will be at 1:15pm. In addition to our regular program, there is an option for an early drop off, whereby, for a small fee, parents can drop off their children at our facility as early as 8:30 A.M. Details will be in the pre-camp mailing. There will be three special evenings over the course of the summer when the fifth graders will go home at 4:00 with the younger campers and return for our popular mishmar program from 6:45 – 8:45 to enjoy a shiur, some canteen snacks, and a supervised activity in the computer room, game room, and gym. There will also be three special night activities (to be announced). Tentatively, night leagues, a trip to Thrillz in CT with the Elite, followed by a BBQ Dinner. Amusement rides and restaurant night with the Elite campers in camp.

In addition, the fifth graders will receive \$1.50 canteen daily (except days absent, full day trips and fast days).

Camp Nofesh is working hard to assure that your children have the absolute best summer experience possible. So, register now for an exciting, memorable summer! Register by January 15, 2024 and receive the early bird discount. See pricing page for details.

If you register before March 20<sup>th</sup> your son will receive a Camp Nofesh T-shirt *with his name on the back* in the first week of camp. See registration form for details.

Please visit our website at [campnofesh.org](http://campnofesh.org). If you would like a USB of the camp video, please email [agoldman@campnofesh.com](mailto:agoldman@campnofesh.com) and include your son's grade in the email. If you have any questions, please feel free to call me in the afternoon and evenings at 551-206-3395.

Sincerely,

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