

Rabbi Avi Kaplinsky, Director



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Dear Parents,

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 from pre1a through fourth grade. We have weekly and monthly best-in-learning winners to encourage every learning group and weekly/monthly best in middos winners in every bunk to encourage good sportsmanship and middos tovos.

We also offer an optional Masmidim program for boys, leaving grades 1-4. The program is for one hour after camp, Monday thru Thursday, after regular dismissal, for six of the eight weeks. There is a \$5 a week fee for boys leaving grades 1-3. For boys leaving 4th grade the masmidim program is free. A schedule of exact dates and times will be sent via prior to each week.

Our camp also 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. (The younger boys use our onsite facilities for sports.) Boys leaving first grade and up 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 exciting game room. Boys leaving first grade will have arts and crafts. Boys leaving first and second grades will be treated to our popular Nofesh Pedal Kart activity.

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. Swimming is just a short bus ride away in one of two Olympic sized pools with a special shallow kiddie section for first graders.

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. The amazing bubble(foam blaster) machine is a special treat added for first through third graders only. 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 age-appropriate exciting to fun and exotic places including a fourth-grade overnight trip. A schedule of trips will be emailed to you separately when the itinerary is finalized. In addition, all grades will have a separate time for rollerblading and bowling. As always, all major trips are run by a member of our adult head staff.

Camp Nofesh enlists a security agency to provide guards for our campers every day from 8am – 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 9:25 AM each day (with supervision beginning 9:15 AM) and ends at 4pm (Friday 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.

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.

3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> Graders! 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) to register and to view the new camp video. If you would like a copy of the new Nofesh video on USB 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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