

FAQS

Frequently Asked Questions About Nofesh 2020

1) Q - Why is Nofesh so expensive this year if there are no trips?

A – Nofesh is committed to providing your child with a full-fledged exciting summer program. At Nofesh we realize that the excitement of being with other kids will wear off quickly and the last thing anyone wants are large groups of bored children. To compensate for not having exciting trips we will be hiring many professional shows, activities, and on-site amusements which will come at an amazing expense. To compensate for limits on pool use to smaller groups we will be renting a second pool, also at a large expense. A vast amount of water bottles, disinfectant wipes, cleaning supplies and canopies, sprinklers, a big new game room game to allow us to create two game rooms, extra prizes to incentivize distance learning, plus much more, all to compensate for this strange situation all cost lots of money.

2) Q - Why can't we sign up our kids for one week at a time?

A – Most camps do not allow signing up for one week at a time because it is very taxing on the office staff to keep track of the constant changes in the camp. We at Camp Nofesh are committed to accommodating our campers and we've always done it, BUT this year due to the social distancing guidelines we are limited in the way we can set up our groups and cannot add and subtract campers by the week.

3) Q - What's the deal with social distancing? Is Nofesh abolishing league games for the entire summer? Will kids only be seeing and competing with the same 20 friends all summer long?

A – We will be practicing social distancing as per the D.O.H. guidelines. The groups of 20 will be eating, traveling, hopefully swimming, and playing sports that require close contact together without masks. The Health Department has communicated that the big risk for contracting Covid-19 exists when people have close contact for ten minutes. We understand therefore that sports that do not require close contact like baseball and volleyball can be played league style between separate groups. Games that require closer contact such as basketball will be limited to the group of 20. Please understand all of this is subject to change as the guidelines of the D.O.H. evolve.

4) Q - Will a camp environment truly be able to maintain adult-like social distancing between campers?

A – No! Kids are kids. We can only commit to trying our best. If you require the same social distancing as you were maintaining in April, Camp Nofesh is definitely not an option for your child.

5) Q - Will there be swimming this summer? Will there be swimming instruction?

A – We don't know yet, but we are hearing that by the beginning of July even indoor pools may be permitted. We certainly hope this will be the case. We have already secured two pools to make up for the limited swimmer numbers that will probably be enforced. and we have enlisted instructors. As soon as the rules are relaxed, we will be ready to begin a swim schedule with instruction.

6) Q - How will canteen work? my son loves canteen best!

A – We don't have a detailed plan yet but we plan on hiring extra staff members to serve the bunks at designated times to avoid having large lines in and near the canteen. Orders will need to be made in advance for those deliveries. I don't yet know if there will be any impulse orders possible. Perhaps we'll come up with an idea. I'm quite certain sealed drinks will be made available at all times.

7) Q - What happens if a child gets a fever, does the whole bunk get quarantined?

A – No. He would have to test positive for Covid 19 to consider quarantining anyone. Children with fever will be sent home though and will not be allowed back until they are fever free.

8) Q - Will children with family members at home that have Covid 19 be allowed in camp?

A – Absolutely not.

9) Q – Will there be regular sports or are some sports banned ?

A – All regular Nofesh sports are permitted. Only contact sports like wrestling and tackle football are prohibited by the authorities.

10) Q - Will all these rules be in place all summer long?

A – The only thing we know for sure is that things are changing constantly. It is our hope that many of these rules will be relaxed over time. We have no idea what exactly will happen and can only plan based on what we know now.