



Appalachian Mountain Club

Three Mile Island Camp

Hello Three Mile Campers,

Spring 2006

This is the first winter in many that I actually remember what summer feels like. Apart from the recent blizzard here (which came on a weekend and offered no snow day at our school), we have seen so little snow that summer has not been pushed far from my consciousness. The croo photo posted on our refrigerator is another reminder of the island. Rachel often waves at the photo and says hi, calling the croo by name. Three Mile is not far away.

Regardless of the weather, work and plans to care for the island are in motion. The tennis court was resurfaced last fall and will provide greater enjoyment as you play. The island electrical project, now in its final stages, has made the island's power infrastructure safer and more reliable. Once again, kudos and thanks to Jack Tricky for volunteering his time to coordinate efforts on this project.

In our continuing effort to make the island a place ready to respond to possible emergencies, we have purchased 2 Automated External Defibrillators to assist people in the event of cardiac arrest. Three Mile provides AED training for croo and staff and we will explain the locations of the machines during the town meetings on Saturday evenings. Three Mile has not needed to use an AED to date, but we feel that community preparedness is a benefit to all.

We retired the Blue Bird Too after 24 years of service so you should now keep a look out for a larger, aluminum boat called the Sea Dog II. While Appy will look the same as it has since 1980, we will have a new sound insulated engine installed which should make our trips a quieter experience.

You will see many of the same croo and staff returning. I am extremely fortunate to have Joy returning to manage the island with me. Paul Robertson will serve again as our maintenance manager and will have a difficult task surpassing his long list of accomplishments from last year. Our Island Educator, Kai Bicknell, will again provide educational and activities for those interested and will chronicle the weeks with photos and news. Joy and I are in the process of interviewing and hiring croo with a commitment to taking care of the campers, the camp, and each other. You will see Rica baking breads and making desserts again this summer. We are talking with a couple candidates to cook for us. I encourage anyone interested in summer work or volunteering to email me at manager@3mile.org.



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Kai and I will be hosting the book discussion group again this year. We have a couple books and articles in mind and will inform you of the titles well before the summer. We will have copies on hand on the island when you come as well. Our hope is to provide a chance for interested people to meet at the start of the week and discuss issues involving community, the environment, and our roles within them. We look forward to you joining us.

Many of you have visited Three Mile after the summer season, and I hope you will consider joining the yoga retreat or the fall weekends this year, both of which are wonderful restful opportunities in unparalleled surroundings. The lake becomes an even quieter and more tranquil place at that time. I highly recommend experiencing it.

Hello to everyone from Rica and Rachel. Best wishes to you all and I look forward to seeing you when the days are longer and warmer.

Sincerely yours,

David