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Dear Three Mile Island Campers,

Let me be the first to welcome you to the summer of 2008. My name is Will Holmes and I am the new Summer Manager. I was a camper for nine summers with my parents and siblings before I worked on the Three Mile Croo for five summers. I continued to visit the island over the years and returned as a camper with my own family in 2006. My wife Lisa and I currently teach at Cate School in Carpinteria, CA. Lisa and our two sons, Scott (age six) and Matthew (age four), will join me at Three Mile this summer. It is hard to put into words how excited I am for the opportunity to again work at a place that I care about so much.

I want to thank outgoing Summer Manager, David Grace, who left the island in excellent shape after his six years of outstanding service. David and Rica, the former Three Mile Baker, are looking forward to enjoying an extended summer vacation for the first time since their daughter Rachel was born in 2004. Congratulations are also in order for the birth of their son Maddox on October 1, 2007.

Twenty-four of us will be fortunate enough to work at Three Mile this summer. I am lucky that Joy Bloomfield, Assistant Manager, Dan Bourgeois, Head Cook, Paul Robertson, Maintenance Head, and sixteen members of the Croo will be returning. Beth Sigman Somerset, a former Croo member, will be the Baker. The new faces will be Jess Partlow and Sophie Robinson as Croo, and Jamie McMillan as the Island Educator.

Jamie's hiring marks the beginning of a new stage in our stewardship of Three Mile Island. While Jamie will be spending half of his time on his role as Island Educator, continuing the tradition of Nature Walks with children and adults, day trips to Stonedam Island, and other educational activities, he will devote the other half of his time to a new initiative established by the Three Mile Committee – the creation of a sustainability plan for Three Mile Island.

To produce this plan, the Three Mile Committee has established a partnership with the Environmental Center at Plymouth State University, where Jamie is currently a student. The plan will build upon the current Three Mile Island Land Use Plan and will include a determination of the ecological footprint of Three Mile Island Camp; current and future stressors on the sustainability of the Camp; energy options for current and future building on the Island; a guide for purchasing food and other consumables that will reduce Three Mile's ecological footprint; suggestions for a methodology to review environmental impacts; and overall cost conscious recommendations on ways to make Three Mile more sustainable. An Environmental Science professor from Plymouth State University will oversee Jamie's work on the plan, and I will oversee his work as Island Educator.

Here are a few other items of note:

**Epi-Pens will no longer be available on the island. If you want one available for allergic reactions, please bring your own.**

Given the new Island Educator job description, it will be up to campers to continue the cultural traditions like talent shows and water carnivals, and uploading photos will now be done on independent websites instead of [www.3mile.org](http://www.3mile.org).

Construction work this month will convert the Tower into apartments for two staff members. This year's choice for the reading discussion is a recent speech by Adam Werbach, former Sierra Club president and current Global CEO of Saatchi & Saatchi, a sustainability agency. Entitled "The Birth of Blue," the speech is a follow up to Werbach's controversial 2004 speech, "Is Environmentalism Dead?" In the speech, Werbach proposes a new – and controversial – platform for the advancement of environmental values. We hope many of you will read the speech online at <http://www.saatchi.com/birhofblue/birhofblue.pdf> and be part of a discussion this summer.

I hope you find this information helpful and informative as you look ahead to your time at Three Mile. I look forward to greeting you on the Main Dock!

Will

P.S. In the spirit of sustainability, my hope is that future manager's newsletters will be delivered to you electronically!