

Hello Three Mile Island Campers,

June 15, 2010

As the school year comes to a close, I am excitedly preparing for my third summer as the Three Mile Manager. I am happy to report that Joy will return as the Assistant Manager, Paul as the Maintenance Manager, Dan as the Kitchen Manager, Kai as the Island Educator, and Stacey as the Baker. Nate, Ruth, Andrew, Lia, Adam, Sydney, Isaac, and Emmy will also return as Croo members. They will be joined by ten new Croo members, some of whom have been life-long campers while others are brand new to the Island. It will be wonderful to spend the summer working with all of these folks, and I expect you will enjoy their collective enthusiasm and love for Three Mile.

Kai will again lead a weekly book talk, which this summer will focus on the book *Cradle to Cradle – Remaking the Way We Make Things* by William McDonough and Michael Braungart, 2002. The book talks will explore the concepts and innovations presented in the book, examining them from our perspectives both as members of the Three Mile community and as participatory citizens in the world. Feel free to preview *Cradle to Cradle* prior to arriving on the Island. It is available at libraries and bookstores, and there will be copies on hand for your week of camp. Kai is looking forward to lively conversations!

Those of us who work at Three Mile for the summer are committed to the expectations outlined in the Island's Technology Policy. As you are packing for Three Mile, please remember a couple of the key points: 1. This policy encompasses electronic devices used for entertainment (televisions, electronic games, music, and books), communication (e.g. two-way radios, cellular telephones), and computing (e.g. laptop and desktop computers). 2. In order to best take advantage of what T.M.I. has to offer and to help preserve the Island as a unique place of retreat, simplicity, and quietude, campers are discouraged from bringing electronic devices to T.M.I. Those who feel that such devices are critical for business, personal use or for their enjoyment of T.M.I. may use them only at their own cabins, and in such a way that neighbors are unaware of their use, both audibly and visually.

The Three Mile Committee has been working hard this offseason. In May, they voted unanimously to adopt the following Vision of Sustainability: "Three Mile Island Camp offers a unique experience of continuity, nature, and a sense of place. We aspire to be a safe and healthy place with clean air, soil, and water; a timeless place where we make just and economical decisions to meet our needs without compromising the ability of future generations to enjoy the same experience. Our deep connection to place and community nurtures the relationships that make it possible to preserve the beauty and character of Three Mile Island Camp for future generations." I hope that you will feel and notice our commitment to sustainability this summer.

The Committee also established a Three Mile Island Camp wish list, which will enable interested campers to donate a variety of items to TMI. All of the listed items will improve the overall camp experience in some small or large way. The first item on the list was to be a wood stove for the Card Room, which has since been donated! Other items listed are Sunfish sailboats for \$5,000, kayaks for \$500, a coffee machine for \$2,500, a volleyball net for \$250, new life jackets for \$45 each, and a piano for the Main Room. I am overseeing donations so please direct any questions and suggestions to me. You will soon be able to find the complete list at www.3mile.org and a paper copy will also be posted at the Main House throughout the summer.

As always, it will be a pleasure to welcome you to Three Mile this summer. Some of the topics in this letter will be revisited at the Saturday night town meetings. If you want to contact me before your arrival date, please leave a voice message at 603-279-7626. You can use the same phone number to leave a message for Joy regarding reservations. On a personal note, I feel unbelievably fortunate to spend the summer working at my favorite place and to share it with my family. My wife Lisa and our two sons, Scott (age 8) and Matthew (age 6), will be at Three Mile for many of the camper weeks.

See you on the dock,

Will "Wilbur" Holmes