



June 19, 2011

## **Hello Three Mile Community,**

It is with tremendous excitement that I am about to begin my fourth summer as the Manager of Three Mile Island Camp. What a pleasure it will be to again live and work at such a wonderful place.

I am, as always, looking forward to working closely with Joy Bloomfield as the Assistant Manager. Stacey Hamblett is also returning as the Baker.

Kai Bicknell will be sharing the job of Island Educator this summer with former Croo member Sarah Ayres. Kai will be with us for weeks one, five, and six. Sarah will be at Three Mile for the other weeks. After this transitional summer, the plan is for Sarah to be the full-time Island Educator next summer.

I want to welcome Dick Chase as the Maintenance Manager and Timothy Tucker as the Cook and Kitchen Manager.

Twelve members of the Croo are returning this summer including Gordon, Ian, Isaac, Kelsey, Kristie, Lia, Rebecca, Ruth, Sydney, Wyatt, Zach, and Zak.

In addition to this strong group of returners, please also welcome new Croo members Jake Barker, Matthew Cartmell, Ben Chesler, Gwen Child, Zachary Cruz, and Elizabeth May. All six of them happen to be former campers. Overall, it will be a treat to spend the summer working with such an energetic and hardworking Staff and Croo.



### **The Wish List**

The wish list was a great success last year. This list contains items that Three Mile would like to have but are not currently in the budget; a new version for 2011 will be posted at the Main House.

Items to be included are binoculars for the Island Educator, a new weather station for the Main House, a volleyball net, books for a sustainability library, and funding for more locally grown meat, fruit, and vegetables.

For all of these items, please talk with me if you are interested in making a donation and/or have other suggestions.

### **Other News**

Three Mile purchased a plot of land on the mainland and built a parking lot. This is exciting news since it eliminates the risk that we could lose access to parking at Shep Brown's Boat Basin. The lot is the first one on the right side as you drive down Lovejoy Sands Road. It is possible that the fence around the lot will not be completed this summer.

With the guidance of an architect, the Three Mile Committee is continuing to develop plans to renovate the current Rec Hall.

In addition to new kayaks that were purchased by the Geschwind family last August, the Committee allocated money to purchase a new Sunfish sailboat for this summer.

In order to give Three Milers the opportunity to memorialize friends and family members from the Three Mile Island community who have passed on, the TMI Committee has purchased a "Memorial Book," where everyone will be welcome to contribute pictures, poems, artwork, stories, and other recollections that will serve to remind us of the wonderful folks who have been devoted to Three Mile over the years.

Please bring with you to camp this summer anything you would like to contribute to this book,

which will be in a loose-leaf format.

### **A List of Things to be Aware Of**

**If you want the lower guest rate, make sure the AMC membership for everyone in your group is current before you arrive on the island.**

Pack as light as possible for your stay at Three Mile. As part of the baggage team, I thank you.

Please place your baggage on the grass at Shep Brown's as you wait for the launch.

The technology policy limits use of cell phones, electronic books, electronic music players, etc. to your cabin. I encourage you to "unplug" as much as possible for your week.

Please ask Joy or me for permission if you are interested in having visitors.

Call **603-279-7626** if you want to leave a message for anyone at Three Mile.

You can contact Joy about current Week One openings and Sally Wilson about fall weekend openings.

### **Programs**

Kai and Sarah will again be paddling with campers to Blueberry Island where at last report there is another nest of eagles. Go to [www.3mile.org](http://www.3mile.org) for more details about the eagles spotted in May.

In other programming news, the book for this summer's book talks is The Hope Beneath Our Feet: Restoring Our Place in the Natural World edited by Martin Keogh. This collection of essays should lead to rich conversations. You can read the entire book, or focus on the following essays suggested by Kai and Sarah:

Take note: the Introduction is crucial to understanding what the writers are speaking to.

Chapter 1:

*The Original Human Vocation*, Barbara Kingsolver

*Living with Losing*, Ben Gadd

*Why Bother?* Michael Pollan

Chapter 2:

*Love the Things we Love*, Larry Santoyo

Chapter 3:

*Every Day We Choose*, Frances Moore Lappe

Chapter 4:

*Fight it Head On*, Bill McKibben

*Thinking Like an Island*, Michael Ableman

*Nothing Else Matters*, Derek Jensen

Chapter 5:

*A Sense of Place-A Sense of Self*, Ian McCallum

Chapter 6:

*Coping with New Realities*, Linda Buzzell

Chapter 7:

*Fostering Light in Dark Times*, Vivienne Simon

Chapter 8:

*To Endure Climate Chaos, Live Dangerously and Cultivate Hope*, Brian Tokar

*Little by Little*, Margaret Trost

I hope that you have enjoyed the first electronic version of the Manager's letter. This method of dispersal saves both paper and money. If you want to contact us this summer, please leave a message at 603-279-7626. See you soon on the Main Dock.

Wilbur Holmes

Manager, Three Mile Island Camp - AMC

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