

Clinton, New York  
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Dear Three Milers,

Where I live the chilly, gray, shortening days of November start to affect my daily activities. There's not much I can do about this late fall cycle since a move is not in the near future, but I have ways to escape. One of them is daydreaming about Three Mile and I am happy to say that with the mailing of this letter, it is officially TIME to start planning our 2017 Three Mile visit. Shout "hurrah" from the rooftops! 2017 will be much the same as 2016, but even better – I just know it...

We had another wonderful season with a lot to appreciate. Occupancy for all the summer weeks except week one (more to follow on that) and fall weekends was near capacity. In addition to our usual nine week summer season and four fall weekends, the island hosted a croo reunion during the last week in September. Over 70 former croo, former employees, and a cadre of seasoned guests were in attendance, representing the years from 1967 to 2016. Again, the Miles of Music Camp and yoga camp enjoyed our shores, as did some smaller programs. There continues to be demand for our camp and as it is filled we grow and strengthen our community. Our staff and croo are second to none, our physical plant is in top shape, and we continue to generate enough revenue to pay our operating expenses and to support capital projects. You may have noticed some of the changes - green eggs, new stand-up paddleboards, solar lanterns available for the cabins – and some that were not as noticeable - replaced tent platforms, electrical work on the new leach field, and thermostats for the winter bubblers that keep the ice from forming around the main dock.

Looking ahead, there is a lot in store as usual. The carpentry work is underway for the additional clivus stalls, we are progressing on our plan to install another composting facility, and a new sunfish is on the way, to name a few. Among the other committee topics is our continuing progress toward Net Zero Energy. Thank you all for submitting a wealth of ideas on the survey questions. As for personnel, we enjoyed having Julie Higgins in the Assistant Manager's role but she will not be returning next summer. I am sure we will be able to attract another wonderful candidate for the role, but there is no better pool than our community. Until we are able to post the position on the AMC website, please reach out to me ([committeechair@3mile.org](mailto:committeechair@3mile.org)) if you are interested, have any questions, or know someone who would be a good fit. Imagine the entire summer at Three Mile!

An exciting change on tap for 2017 is the "kids come free" option during week 1. To clarify, for every adult (21+) staying for the full week of June 24 to July 1, one child aged 4 to 13 will stay free of charge. The arrangement is limited to family members but it can span generations. So a parent and a grandparent can bring two children from their family aged 4-13, for free. The kids come free option will be available on a trial basis for week one, in addition to the popular summer starter.

In closing, please accept my thanks for reading through this letter, reviewing the reservation materials, and thinking about visiting next summer. While at work the other day, a co-worker mentioned that Development teams from colleges and universities are having difficulty reaching all of their constituents. There are so many communication tools – email, Facebook, snapchat, twitter, Instagram, instant messaging, LinkedIn, phone calls on our cell phones and calls on our landlines, not to mention good old fashioned Morse code and smoke signals – that messages simply get lost. How nice to read through this Three Mile snail mail package and know that we are sharing the experience with our entire community.

Best wishes to all of you for a wonderful winter!

Gillian King