

## Summer 2018 Manager's Letter

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Hello Three Mile Island Community,

I hope you are getting excited to spend time this summer on Lake Winnepesaukee. If this is your first summer as a camper; welcome! Amazing opportunities await you - boating, fishing, playing, singing, napping, dancing, laughing and so many other wonderful Three Mile activities. Another aspect of the Island culture is getting to know your neighbor at a meal and socializing throughout the rest of the day.

Three Mile is a place where families and friends go to spend time with each other as well as meet new people. Are you going to jump off "Wicked High" this summer? I hope so.

Yes, the main raft and jumping tower will be back in their traditional places after a summer off. Additionally, one of the Croo will now be serving as a lifeguard during peak hours of Main Dock activity. The lifeguard will be present in case of emergency, but it is still our responsibility to watch over the members of our party.

Speaking of the Croo, we have an enthusiastic group who are looking forward to making your stay the best possible. The veteran leaders include Anna Bateman (Store Manager), Lindsay Cartmell (Croo Boss), Sarah Cartmell, Cece Giamo (Bugler), Nick Holmes (Launch Driver), Molly Rains, Grace Samaritano (Dock Manager) and Christian Welch (Maintenance Assistant). These folks will be mentoring the first year Croo on the various aspects of the job.

Note that there are a number of former campers making up this year's group of new Croo. Please welcome Adam Burns, Lilly Cadow, Zach Curtis-Ginsberg, Sarah Gyurina, Sarah Hutchinson, Alex Kaplan, Emmett Lurssen, Mark Marschall, Megan Marsh, Carolyn Riley and Robert Watt. Reach out to the Croo during your stay whether you are requesting a refill of the bread basket or wanting to engage in conversation on a sunny afternoon.

One of the many tasks performed by the Croo is transporting camp food and supplies to the Island and up to the Main House. They are also responsible for carting our recyclables and landfill items back to the mainland. We have shifted to a single stream recycle system. This will simplify the decisions we

make with our personal waste. As always, ask questions so you know what goes where.

Other changes since last summer include the completion of a few capital projects including the construction of a second composting toilet. "The Palace" will be open for business and is located between the tennis court and the Main House.

Also, Yellow Birch 2 was converted from a tent to a cabin thanks to the great work of a volunteer crew. To continue the tradition of proactive upkeep of the camp, Mike Juri is starting his first summer as Maintenance Manager so please welcome him, too.

The kitchen also underwent some capital improvements including new baking ovens. Everyone will be happy to know that Timothy Tucker is returning for his eighth summer as Head Chef and Laurie Pzena for her sixth summer as Baker and Dessert Chef. They are excited for the kitchen enhancements and we will again be fortunate to eat so incredibly well.

As you prepare for your visit, please read this important list:

- **Call 603-279-7626 if you want to contact us at Three Mile this summer.**
- If you need to cancel a reservation for any member of your party, call as soon as possible. As long as we know at least 30 days in advance of your reservation, you will only forfeit half of your deposit.
- In order to receive the lower camper rate, make sure the AMC membership for everyone in your group is current before you arrive.
- In order to allow people to "unplug" if they so choose, the camp's technology policy limits our use of phones, electronic books, smart watches, electronic music players, etc. to our cabins.
- If needed, bring your own over the counter medications, prescription medications, and epi-pens.
- A reminder that kerosene lamps are no longer provided for cabin use. You are welcome to bring your own cabin light source or borrow a solar powered light from the camp store.
- The mailing address is Three Mile Island Camp, 1 3 Mile Island, Laconia, NH 03246.
- Three Mile's parking lot is located on the right-hand side of Lovejoy Sands Road as you approach Lovejoy Landing and Shep Brown's Boat Basin. It should be unlocked on Saturdays.

Peggy Merrow is looking forward to returning for her second summer as Assistant Manager. One of Peggy's many important roles is handling summer reservation requests. Please call 603-279-7626 to ask if you can have a guest for a meal, a day or a night. Camp is full most weeks, but there are still a few openings in weeks 1, 2 and 4.

Colin Bradley is also enthusiastic about his second summer as Island Educator where he will help all of us connect with nature and the environment.

This summer's Three Mile read is John Muir's book, *The Story of my Boyhood and Youth*. John Muir's life work focused on the preservation of open space and our national parks, but this short and accessible read for all ages, tells the story of his childhood, his upbringing in Scotland and Wisconsin, and the lessons learned as a young boy about the land and animal inhabitants. You might want to pick up this book at a local public library or bookstore plus there will be a handful of copies on Island for community members to share.

Many of my favorite boyhood memories were formed during summers at Three Mile. As an adult, I often describe my job at Three Mile as a "labor of love." Working at this beautiful island with great people is the best thing I have ever done. This will be my 11<sup>th</sup> summer as Manager and I have decided it is time for me to pass the clipboard to a new manager starting in 2019. I look forward to welcoming you this summer and making the most of every day.

Please think about and share your suggestions for potential manager candidates.

It is challenging to put into words how appreciative I feel about this opportunity to serve as Manager heading into my final summer. Three Mile is the favorite place for so many. My wife, Lisa, and sons, Scott (age 16) and Matty (age 14), will again be joining me for part of the season. They too will enjoy reading books, swimming, playing games and summer living on the Island. We are all excited to share the Three Mile experience with you.

See you on the dock!

Wilbur Holmes  
*Manager*