

2014 Manager's Letter

Hello Three Mile Community,

I hope you are as excited as I am to spend time at Three Mile Island Camp this summer!

As you probably know, the Rec Hall was renovated this off-season. This complete renovation was made possible thanks to the efforts and donations of so many of you. It will be fun to experience the significant changes and improvements that were made to this prominent building on the dock. The Grand Reopening of the Rec Hall will be held on June 21 during week one. There are still open cabins if you are interested in making a reservation.

Another exciting capital improvement since last summer is the overhaul of the *Appy*. The *Appy* has transported generations of Three Mile campers to and from the mainland. She was completely restored for the first time since her arrival in 1980, and the photos are beautiful. Smaller additions to Three Mile are also important including new row boat oars, a piano, and a foosball table. If you are interested in donating an item or the resources to purchase something for Three Mile, please talk with me this summer. Currently on the "wish list" are books for a sustainability library, camper mattresses, LED light bulbs, and funding for more locally grown meat, fruit, vegetables, and shade grown coffee.

If you were a camper last year, you had the chance to respond to some long range plan questions. The quality and quantity of thoughts and ideas were outstanding. Members of the Three Mile Committee have read all of the responses, which have been compiled so that campers will have the opportunity to read them; a hard copy of this feedback will be in the card room all summer.

I also hope you will enjoy getting to know everyone working at Three Mile this summer as they are eager to welcome you to the Island. Ginger Maciejowski is again one of your hosts in her role as the Assistant Manager. Timothy Tucker and Laura Pzena are back to prepare fantastic meals during your stay. Paul Nelson is in his first summer as the Island Educator and is looking forward to getting to know Three Mile, the natural habitat and the many campers. Jake Barker returns again this summer as the Maintenance Manager as well as a fourth year Croo member. Ten other members of the fantastic Croo are back this summer including Carolyn Barrett, Evan Breen, Geneva Cann, Matt Cartmell, Nicholas Cartmell, Abby Clapham, Katie Conmy, Packard Gilson, Zach Cruz, and Eric Nieminen. Please help welcome the first year members of the Croo whose names are Abigail, Amber, Mallori, Mary, Melissa, Nick, Rory, and Will.

One of the many things that we all enjoy about working at Three Mile is the opportunity to "unplug." As cell phones have become mainstream tools, time at Three Mile brings an unexpected perk; the opportunity to unplug. Please consider unplugging as much as possible while you are a camper this summer.

Here is a list of reminders before you come to the Island:

- The technology policy limits use of phones, electronic books, electronic music players, etc. to your cabin.
- 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.

- If needed, bring your own over-the counter medications, prescription medications, and Epi-pens. We are not allowed to sell or dispense any medications on the island.
- The Three Mile parking lot is located on the right-hand side of Lovejoy Sands Road as you approach Shep Brown's Boat Basin.
- You can contact Ginger about current summer openings and Sally Wilson about fall weekend openings. · **Please call [603-279-7626](tel:603-279-7626) if you want to contact anyone on the Island this summer.**

The book for this summer's read is *The Singing Wilderness* by Sigurd F. Olsen. It focuses on an area near Minnesota very much like the glacial lake we will be enjoying for the summer. This classic book is concerned with the simple joys, the timelessness and perspective found in a way of life which is close to the past. The book's essays are divided in sections by season. If possible bring a copy from your local library or purchase a used or new copy. Read "The Way of the Canoe" which begins *Summer* and start to anticipate your visit to Three Mile Island. Save some readings for your time on the Island as the essays are best read in the slow quiet of a crisp New England morning.

No matter when you come, get ready to embrace nature during your week. There is again a nest of eagles on nearby Blueberry Island and moose, deer, and eagles have already been sighted around Three Mile this year. We all await your arrival.

See you on the dock!

Wilbur Holmes
Manager