



2015 Manager's Letter

Hello Three Mile Island Campers,

I hope you are as excited as I am to spend part of your summer on this beautiful island in Lake Winnepesaukee. What an opportunity to enjoy time with family, be physically active, meet new people, renew old acquaintances, and relax in the peace of the Island.

I am really looking forward to working with this summer's Staff. Ginger Maciejowski will be back as Assistant Manager where she will split the summer with Gillian King, who cannot wait for her "once in a lifetime opportunity." I am grateful that Ginger and Gillian were able to make this summer's schedule work to cover the position. Neither one of them is able to return in 2016 so we need a new Assistant Manager as soon as this September. Please share the names of interested candidates with me.

In addition to the Assistant Managers, I am fortunate to work with these other talented members of the Staff. Timothy Tucker and Laurie Pzena will again be preparing delicious food in the TMI kitchen. Jake Barker will again be fixing everything on the Island as the Maintenance Manager. Please welcome Luke Tobin to his first of what we hope will be many summers as Island Educator.

I am regularly asked, "How is the Croo going to be?" I think they are going to be outstanding. The veterans are Melissa Bain, Nick Barker, Evan Breen, Nicholas Cartmell, Abby Clapham, Mary Clapham, Amber

Dindorf, Packard Gilson, Mallori Inzinga, and Rory Lowe. This group has great energy and a love for working at Three Mile. Please help us welcome Jake Atwood, Julia Carpenter, Anna Darrow, Kipling Haviland-Hack, Mackenzie Little, Emily Morse, Gabe Weisbuch, and Thomas Wentworth to their first summer on Croo. They certainly come highly recommended.

In addition to news about the Croo, I have some fun news to share about our sustainability efforts at Three Mile. This spring the Appalachian Mountain Club entered into a Solar Power Purchase Agreement to meet the energy needs of Three Mile Island Camp and Cardigan Lodge. The 72-kilowatt system will be located at Cardigan and will generate enough power for both facilities. The solar array should be operational by early summer. The agreement allows Three Mile to purchase "green" solar power for slightly less money than "brown" electricity from fossil fuel sources. The agreement will also help advance us closer to our sustainability goal to substantially reduce and ideally eliminate the use of non-renewable resources by the year 2020. After six years, the AMC and TMI will have the opportunity to acquire the solar array.

Back at Three Mile, two camper donations will be terrific enhancements of the Rec Hall. A group of campers purchased a new Ping Pong table that is scheduled to be delivered in July. Another camper is going to donate new speakers for the Rec Hall's sound system and they should be delivered by August. Talk with me if you would like to donate any other new or gently used items to the camp.

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

- 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.
- The technology policy limits use of phones, electronic books, electronic music players, etc. to your cabin. You are encouraged to "unplug" as much as possible during your stay.
- If needed, bring your own over-the-counter medications, prescription medications, and Epi-pens. We cannot sell them in the store and the staff cannot provide them.
- 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 or Gillian about current summer openings and Sally Wilson about fall weekend openings.

- Please call 603-279-7626 if you want to contact anyone on the Island this summer.

This summer's book is *The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind* by William Kamkwamba. It is the remarkable story about inventiveness and its power to overcome crippling adversity. This book will inspire anyone who doubts the power of one individual's ability to change his community and better the lives of those around him. If you want to read part of the book, Luke recommends chapters 1-2, 5-6, 10-11, and 14. There seem to be plenty of used books available to purchase. You can also use a Three Mile copy when you are on the Island.

Finally there are still a few camper spots available during weeks 1, 8, and 9 so give us a call if you or someone you know would like to join the good times at Three Mile this summer.

See you on the dock!

Wilbur Holmes
Manager