

2016 Manager's Letter

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Hello Three Mile Island Campers,

I hope that you are as excited as I am to spend time at Three Mile Island Camp this summer with family and friends. If you are a first time camper, then you are in for a treat. Returning campers can understand why expressions of longing for Three Mile are common in my household during the school year. Here we come!

When I tell people that I manage a camp in the summer months, they often assume that it is a camp for children. I explain that Three Mile is a family camp where campers ages four and up go to spend time with each other. The beautiful island camp is also a step back in time with nights spent playing games, doing puzzles, making music, looking at stars and getting a good night's sleep -- all with technology out of sight. I am privileged to work at such a special place where community and relationships are valued and nurtured.

Three Mile is also looking to the future with our partnership with AMC's Cardigan Lodge and ReVision Energy by going solar this past January with the installation of a solar array adjacent to Cardigan. Three Mile and Cardigan will share the power produced by the array through net metering, which will save the camp money and reduce our carbon footprint. In addition, we are looking for ways to lower the greenhouse gas emissions from kerosene, propane, and gasoline. In 2008, Three Mile made a commitment to reduce fossil fuel use on the island by 2030. We welcome creative ideas from campers that preserve the island culture, keep us affordable, and make us greener than ever! The Island Educator will be leading a short session each week to focus on this issue.

In addition to the campers and programs, it is the people who work at Three Mile who make the experience one to cherish. Please help me welcome Julie Higgins to her first summer as Assistant Manager. Recently married, Julie will be on her honeymoon weeks 2, 3, and 4. During those weeks, you will be greeted by Gillian King when you arrive on the main dock. Gillian enjoyed and thrived in this role last summer so she will be an

important part of Julie's summer both as a mentor and substitute. It is our good fortune to welcome back Timothy Tucker and Laurie Pzena as our kitchen staff. They are looking forward to preparing delicious meals for you and designing creative menus again this summer. Luke Tobin is returning for his second year as the Island Educator where he will build on his great educational and sustainability work. The Croo, always the heart of the island, include a fantastic group of returning Croo members: Jake Atwood, Nick Barker, Julia Carpenter, Nicholas Cartmell, Anna Darrow, Kipling Haviland-Hack, Mack Little, Rory Lowe, Emily Morse and Thomas Wentworth. I know that you will enjoy getting to know our highly recommended first year Croo members: Emily Arnold, Lindsay Cartmell, Risa Fox, Darcy Hinck, Nick Holmes, Sam Maciejowski, Trace Robertson, Vega Walke and Ben Zeitz-Moskin.

The list below offers some helpful reminders to read before you arrive so that your visit is easier and more enjoyable:

*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.

*The Three Mile Island parking lot is located on the right-hand side of Lovejoy Sands Road as you approach Lovejoy landing and Shep Brown's Boat Basin.

*You can call the island about current summer openings and contact Sally Wilson about fall weekend openings.

Please call [603-279-7626](tel:603-279-7626) if you want to contact us on the island this summer.

Something else to know before your arrival is this summer's camp read, the novel *A River Runs Through It* by Norman Maclean. It is a wonderful story of place and family and outdoors. Sound familiar? It should be a fun story

to read, or reread, before and during your time at Three Mile. I encourage you to buy a used copy, borrow it from the library, or share one of the camp copies of this book so you can join in the conversation during your stay.

I hope this letter finds you well and full of anticipation for days of rest and friendship at this beautiful camp.

See you on the dock!

Wilbur Holmes

Manager