DETROIT FINNISH COOPERATIVE SUMMER CAMP ASSOCIATION



FINN CAMP NEWSLETTER

JULY 2016



The Kokko at Juhannus, June 18, 2016.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Note: Not all events are listed on this and other DFCSCA calendars. If you are planning an event and wish to check the availability of a specific facility on a certain date, please call 248-926-6219.

TACO WEDNESDAYS



Back by popular demand starting on July 6, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. in the *Kenttä* is Taco Wednesdays, sponsored by the Future Planning Committee. For only \$5 a plate you may have your choice of three hard tacos, soft tacos, or nachos (or mix and match). This year we are also selling beverages (soda or water) as well. And you could put in some of your work hours this year by helping out with Taco Wednesdays!

Annual Children's Play

Finn Camp's fun summers include our annual Children's Play, sponsored by the Recreation Committee. The play will be performed on Saturday, August 6, on Children's Weekend. Rehearsals and casting will start soon, after the Fourth of July. The play is for

CALENDAR

July

- 7—Future Planning meeting, 7:30 p.m., Boardroom
- 13—Board meeting, 7:00 p.m., Boardroom. No visitors.
- 14—Sisu Sisters meeting, 6:30 p.m., Clubroom
- 16—Sisu Sisters Gourmet Breakfast, 9:00 a.m. to noon; Flotilla, 1:00 to 5:00 p.m.
- 31—Board meeting, 10:00 a.m., visitors at noon.

August

- 3—"Singing the Good Old Songs Again," Buffalo Bill Boycott group performance, 7:00 p.m., Dance Hall
- 6-7-Children's Weekend
- 11—Sisu Sisters meeting, 6:30 p.m., Clubroom
- 12-14-Finn Fest

Friday Night Grill: Open on game nights, 6:00 p.m.

Bar: Open Wednesdays, 7:00 p.m. to close **Sauna Hours:**

Wed., 6:00 p.m.–9:00 p.m. (when volunteer available)

Sat., Sun.—3:00-9:00 p.m.

All newsletter material is due on the 15th of the previous month.

children of all ages—we will try to work in a number for as young as three-to-four-year-olds— and all youth who attend rehearsals will be included. Nonmember children taking swim lessons are welcome to participate, as the Children's Play is an important part of the entire Children's Weekend. If you will be visiting over Children's Weekend, you are also welcome. Individual families should contact Mattie O'Brien (see below) to discuss participation: both helping or acting. Rehearsal times are generally four times a week, held around swim lessons and/or in the early evening. Final scheduling will be done with the participating families' input. Our entire community really enjoys this annual tradition and looks forward to it every year, so please consider participating! In addition to our fabulous youth actors, we will need adult or teen help with lights, staging, costumes, props, make-up and, on the night of the performance, back-stage supervision. Work hours can be given. Please contact Mattie O'Brien at obrien1988@gmail.com, 734-646-3379 or via Facebook at https://www.facebook.com/mattie.obrien to let her know if your child is interested, if you yourself are interested in helping and for rehearsal updates. And please pass on this information to friends who may be participating in swim lessons. Let the show go on!

Swimming Lessons

Kasey Mack reports that Sam Barrett will be the swim instructor this year. She says, "We will be holding the registration and swim evaluations on Thursday, July 7, and Friday, July 8, from 12:00 to 2:00 p.m., so please come between those times. The first week of swim practice will be the following week. But—for our first week only—we will practice Tuesday, July 12, through Friday, July 15. Then, the following three weeks, practice will be Monday through Thursday as usual, with Fridays being a rain day if needed. The swim meet will be held on August 6 at 1:00 p.m."

Sisu Sisters' Summer Activities for All

Gourmet Raffle Dinner

At FinnFest 2015, Kemmy Parisi and her boyfriend won the Sisterhood's dinner prize, benefiting the butterfly garden. And now they want to say, "Thank you to the Sisterhood for a wonderful dinner on Loon Lake. Everything was perfect. This was the seven-course meal that the Sisu Sisters served up on June 4, to eight lucky recipients at Leppi's Landing. As the testimonial above shows, the dinner was scrumptious, and next time, this could be you! Buy a raffle ticket to "Steak on Loon Lake" for a chance to win not only another candlelit full-service dinner, for you and up to eight of your friends, but this year, the Sisters have added a Sunset Boat Cruise on Loon Lake as well!

Camps for Sale

Nyt on oikea aika ostaa leirl. Now is the time to buy a camp.

Camp 80, West Side
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And not only that, but there is a second prize of four VIP Tigers tickets and a third prize of a \$100 Lavida Massage gift card. The raffle tickets are \$5 each or a book of five for \$20. See Denise Niemasz, Mary Burck or Tammie King. All proceeds will go toward improving the Butterfly Garden area and for new Dance Hall lighting. The drawing will be held August 14.

Gourmet Breakfast

Come experience apple pie French toast, the ever-popular breakfast bake, traditional *pannu kakku*— and our sell-out— major fried-egg sandwich with candied bacon! Carry-out and delivery will be available for a \$2 charge. Call 248-624-6691 to place your order on the day of the event. This breakfast will be sponsored by the Sisu Sisters at the *Ravintola* on Saturday, July 16, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

Flotilla

Also on the Saturday of July 16, from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m., on Sun Lake, will be the Sisu Sisters' Flotilla. Grab a raft and latch on for some fun, sun and floating on the lake! There will be silly prizes, chicken salad, a corn roast, shenanigans and more!

40th Annual FINN FEST—August 12, 13 and 14

Preparations are under way for the annual festival, and we NEED YOUR HELP! The festivities will begin about 5:00 p.m. on Friday evening and will continue throughout the weekend, with plenty of food and beverages, music and entertainment, raffles, horseshoes, games, kids' activities and, of course, the softball tournament!

This is the major fundraising event of the year, and it REQUIRES member participation! This is the perfect time to get in some work hours and support Finn Camp! Workers are needed in all areas throughout the weekend, and every hour counts—no matter the size of the task! Get together with family and friends and work together in the kitchen, or under the tent. We NEED you! Please give a couple hours of your time and pitch in to help make the festival a success! *The work hours sign-up sheets will be posted at the beach by July 1*.

For more information or if you have questions, suggestions or new ideas, please contact Robyn Jokinen, Finn Fest Chairperson, by email at rbjokinen@gmail.com or cell phone at 810-287-4591.

Free "Classified" Ads

All members are invited to list here any services—for pay or barter—that they would like to advertise, whether it's a service such as handyman or seamstress or pet care or seasonal activities like garage sales. All you have to do is provide the following information: The type of service offered: a description of just what you do as the service provider; your price (hourly rate, job rate, to be negotiated, or whatever); vour name: and vour contact information (preferred method and times: phone, email, etc.). Total length, including spaces, should not exceed 50 words, not counting the headings. (Overlength copy will be edited for fit.) The deadline is the same as the date for newsletter copy: the 15th of each month.

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Fishing Derby Results



A successful fishing derby yet again! The weather was perfect, and many fish were caught. Donovan Rudzki, age one and a half, was our youngest fisherman of the derby. Gabriella Moss and Kamryn Mielke tied for the girls to have caught the most fish, with 21 fish. Alex Hoose took the title for the boys with the most fish caught, with 25. Anja Leyser had the children's biggest fish, with a 14½-inch bass. The biggest fish of the day was a 24-inch pike caught by Sarah Mielke, shown above with her husband holding the record fish. Carol Melancon won the portable barbeque grill and Dave Grogan won the 50/50 raffle. Thank you to everyone who brought the food donations and to everyone who made this a successful derby!—Kemmy Parisi

Breakfast Raffle Winners

The winners of the June 28 Bar Committee-sponsored event were:

First place, winner of the wagon and towels, Joni Sennhenn. Second place, winner of a sauna card, Deb Swanson. Third place, winner of \$20 worth of Clubroom tickets, Michelle Ebel.

Condolences Gertrude Brandell

Long-time Finn Camp member Gertrude Brandell, age 96, passed away on June 1 in Traverse City, Michigan. Our condolences to daughter Barbara Hershey and grandsons Dustin Hershey and J Alan Hershey.

Lakes Area Bait Shop

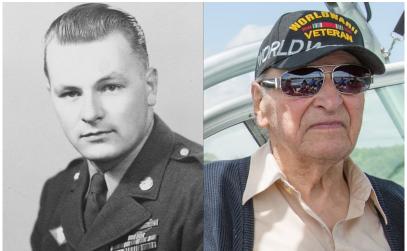
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Cords of Firewood for Sale

\$50 for members, \$60 nonmembers.
Delivery extra.

Contact Mike Honka, ph. 248-860-5109

Arvo Leskinen



Arvo A. Leskinen, a former Finn Camp member and neighbor, died at home on June 24 at age 93. Born June 30, 1922, in Ironwood, Arvo, a World War II veteran, served in the 129th Infantry in the Pacific, earning a Purple Heart and the Bronze Star medals. He worked at Burroughs in Plymouth for many years. Arvo and his late wife Lillian were married for 64 years. Survivors include his son Kenneth Leskinen, daughter Karen Matero (Leskinen), grandsons Lon and Austin Matero, and nephews Erick, David and Neil Leskinen. Viewing will be Friday, July 1, from 8:45 to 9:20 a.m. at Lynch & Sons, 340 North Pontiac Trail, Walled Lake. Afterward, burial will be at Great Lakes National Cemetery, 4200 Belford Road, Holly.

Back in the Saddle Again—At Finn Camp

"Buffalo Bill" Boycott, Joanne Orr, Jackie Davidson and Gary Brandt combine forces to present "Singing the Good Old Songs Again" —classic and original songs in a fun, energetic, entertaining show!

Bill Boycott (Buffalo Bill) and Joanne Orr (both residing in Wyoming), who performed at Finn Camp a couple of years ago, are the Western Music Association harmony award winners. Bill is also a WMA yodeling champ. Jackie and Gary, of Ferndale, have performed for many years in the Detroit area. Jackie, an original member of the Grammy Award-winning group The New Christy Minstrels, has superb vocals and extraordinary banjo skills. Gary Brandt is an excellent singer-songwriter and 12-string guitarist. They are performing Wednesday, August 3, at the Finn Camp Dance Hall starting at 7:00 p.m. Come enjoy this exciting program of seasoned musicians and entertainers. And don't forget it's Taco Wednesday, starting at 6:00 p.m. This performance is sponsored by the Newsletter Committee. Donations would be very much appreciated.



Shop the Finn Camp Store, in the Clubroom, whatever the season! We have t-shirts, hats, hoodies, koozies, and Finnish CDs. For access to the store during off hours, call Patti Leppi, at 248-921-1432, or email her at Store@finncamp.org.

Attention, Finn Campers: Trash Rules

Dumpsters are for members' use only.

Do not put in large or long items that might wedge or jam the dumpster when it is being tipped into the truck.

No major dumping on festival weekends.

No overfilling.

No furniture, appliances, propane tanks, wood, construction materials or other large items are to be left in, by or around the dumpsters. Large items can be placed at the roadside near the tractor garage on Tuesdays for Wednesday pickup.

Construction materials can be placed in the dumpster by the pole barn.

No dumping of leftover concrete on Finn Camp property. There is a concrete recycling plant on 12 Mile Rd. east of Beck Rd.

BOARD NOTES AND REMINDERS

The board would like to welcome new members James and Jennifer Emery.

If you have an address or phone number change, please email us at bookkeeper@finncamp.org.

We would like to remind members that you are responsible for your guests. Please ensure that your guests are behaving appropriately.

Parking can be an issue in camp country. Please be courteous to other members and have guests park in designated areas. On the west side, down by the restrooms, and on the east side guests can park at the Clubroom and walk over.

Remember that animals must be on leashes except in designated areas. See Blue Book rule 203.1.3.

No open ground fires are permitted.

If you notice any dangerous trees or limbs on the property, please contact the board.

The Finn Camp membership form can be found at www.finncamp.org at the top, right corner of page 1.

The camp social director is Joni Sennhenn. Please contact her at 248-882-4626 if you would like to make a reservation for the beach and sauna area, the *Kentta*, Dance Hall or Clubroom.

The camp reservation agent is Cindi Maddick. Please contact Cindi at 248-303-7337 if you are renting or loaning out your camp to a nonmember. Nonmembers whose stay exceeds three consecutive days and two consecutive nights in a 30-day period without a member present, or exceeds 10 days and 9 nights in a 30-day period with a member present, must pay a rental fee of \$50 per week.

Members with suggestions, comments or board-related business are asked to e-mail board@finncamp.org. Those looking to add to their work hours should email the Works Administrators at work@finncamp.org. General questions may be answered by visiting www.finncamp.org.

BOARD AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Board of Directors

Wednesday, July 13, 7:00 p.m., no visitors Sunday, July 31, 10:00 a.m., visitors at noon

Future Planning Committee

Thursday, July 7, 7:30 p.m., Boardroom

Sisu Sisters

Thursday, July 14, 6:30 p.m., Clubroom

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