



*The pathway to Sun Lake.*

## 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.*

### **40<sup>th</sup> Annual Finn Fest—August 12, 13 and 14**

It's a milestone celebration as we prepare for our **40<sup>th</sup> annual FESTIVAL!** Mark your calendars and plan to support this major fundraising event. What a great time to work some of your hours and catch up with other members and friends, and to cheer on our own Finn Camp Voima team in the softball tournament!

**Friday** kicks off the festival weekend with the kitchen and beer truck opening at 5:00 p.m., followed by the Home Run Derby beginning about 6:30 p.m. Come see the big hitters knock 'em into the woods! We will continue into the evening with music and dancing in the Clubroom!

**Saturday** the kitchen will open for breakfast at 8:00 a.m., with food available all day in the *Ravintola* and food tent. The softball tournament also begins at 8:00 a.m., with games on the Finn Camp's George Aho Memorial Field and the Gilbert Willis Park fields. Opening ceremonies will be at 11:00 a.m. There will be music and entertainment from the Dance Hall porch plus 50/50 raffles, prize raffles sponsored by the Scholarship Committee, the pitching booth, horseshoes and other games for all ages, plus the sale of Finn Camp and Finn Fest merchandise throughout the day. Then we will cut loose on the dance floor with our DJ playing all our favorites in the Dance Hall.

**Sunday, FUNday**, we will do it all over again! The kitchen will open for breakfast at 8:00 a.m., with food available all day. Softball will continue on all three fields with the championship game on our "A" Field in the late afternoon/early evening, followed immediately by trophy presentation. Music, raffles, horseshoes and other activities will continue as well.

## CALENDAR

### **August**

- 3—"Singing the Good Old Songs Again," Buffalo Bill Boycott group performance, 7:00 p.m., Dance Hall
- 4—Future Planning meeting, 7:30 p.m., Boardroom
- 6–7—**Children's Weekend**
- 10—Board meeting, 7:00 p.m., no visitors
- 11—Sisu Sisters meeting, 6:30 p.m., Clubroom
- 12–14—**Finn Fest**
- 28—Board meeting, 10:00 a.m., visitors at noon

### **September**

- 1— Future Planning meeting, 7:30 p.m., Boardroom

**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 15<sup>th</sup> of the previous month.**



Many members are needed to work in all areas throughout the weekend, especially in the security and kitchen areas. As a member of a *cooperative association*, please participate by giving a few hours of your time to pitch in and help make our festival successful! Every hour counts, and no task is too small—WE NEED YOUR HELP!!! PLEASE—Come out to support your Finn Camp and our 40<sup>th</sup> Annual Finn Fest!

**Work hours sign-up sheets are posted at Sun Lake Beach, or contact Robyn directly for other available options for hours.** For further information or questions, contact **Robyn Jokinen, Finn Fest Chairman**, by email at [rbjokinen@gmail.com](mailto:rbjokinen@gmail.com) or by cell phone at 810-287-4591.

### The Finn Fest Scholarship Raffle

One of the main events at Finn Fest is the Scholarship Raffle on Saturday, with many prizes to win! Come check it out under the tent by the Dance Hall, from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. All raffle donations made before that day, August 12, would be greatly appreciated. The proceeds go to the Finn Camp Scholarship Committee. See Mary Barie for details.

### 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

### Camps for Sale

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248-941-9412.

Taco Wednesday, starting at 6:00 p.m. This performance is sponsored by the Newsletter Committee. Donations would be very much appreciated.

### **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. The play is for 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. Please pass on this information to friends who may be participating in swim lessons. Let the show go on!

### **Yooper Night Tigers Game—August 20**

The bus is full! We will meet in the Clubroom parking lot at 4:45 p.m.—*the bus leaves at 5:00 p.m. sharp!* More information will be sent via email and posted on the Facebook/Yooper group page.

### **DFCSCA Annual Golf Tournament**

Finn Camp's Annual Labor Day Open Invitational Golf Tournament at Hickory Hill Golf Course on Saturday—not Sunday this year—September 3, will be a scrambles tournament. Tee times are from 12:00 noon to 2:00 p.m.: first come, first served. Nominal entry fees plus greens fees and optional cart rental. Open to all members. See or call Mary or Rob Johnson for more details and to sign up: 248-624-4568.

### **Breaking News!**

Please join our team of Kid Reporters on August 6, at 8:00 p.m., in the Finn Camp Dance Hall for a special show from W-FIN TV News! This year's Children's Weekend play will feature a fun team of young people exploring Finn Camp for the viewing public. Don't miss out on seeing our talented young folk, followed by desserts at the Rav. Donations of baked goods are welcome.

### **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); your name; and your 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.

### **Beverly Jokinen Graphic Artist**

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### **Sisu Sisters' Summer Activities for All**

#### **Gourmet Raffle Dinner**

At Finn Fest 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!

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.

#### **New member interviews: The Baker Family**



Finn Camp welcomes the Baker family, Shawn and Melissa, with their children, Travis (age 5) and Reid (3). They joined just this month but already own a camp, number 80. Shawn grew up in and attended high school in Dearborn and Melissa grew up in and attended high school in Southfield. They have a Boston terrier named Bella and two guinea pigs, Jeff and Pig. Melissa is a stay-at-home mom. Shawn is an account manager for a debt-collection practice. Melissa and Shawn's relatives in Finn Camp country have included George and Billie Aho and Gavin and Ginger Wing and Gavin Wing, Jr. Melissa states that "growing up I spent all my summers at the Finn Camp! We can't wait to share this gem with our kids!"

#### **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



## The Spehar Family



Join us in welcoming the family of Patrick and Kalli Spehar and sons Noah (14), Nolan (6) and daughter Nora (2). Patrick went to high school in Milford. Kalli went to high school in St. Johns, then went to MSU. Kalli is in human resources at Gordon Food Service and Patrick is third-generation Ford. His parents, Patrick and Sherry Spehar, are Finn Camp members. The Spehars have been visiting here for years—Nolan has celebrated all six of his birthdays at Finn Camp— and are excited to be members finally.

## Condolences: Thomas Christensen



Long-time Finn Camp member Thomas Christensen, 84, of Highland, died July 21. His daughter Heidi Christensen remembers that “my dad used to work the beer trucks at all the festivals.” Tom is survived by Heidi and her son Derrick, his brother-in-law Lloyd Charlong, and by stepchildren Ruth Ann (Greg) Stover, Nancy Clay, Barbara (Bob) Betzing, Don Clay, Richard Clay and Peggy (Kirby) Wicks. Tom also is survived by 16 grandchildren, 19 great-grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews.



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](mailto: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 the following new members; Patrick Spehar, Jr.; wife, Kalli; sons, Nolan and Noah; and daughter, Nora. Melissa Baker, husband, Shawn; and sons, Travis and Reid. If you have an address or phone number change, please email us at [bookkeeper@finncamp.org](mailto: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](http://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](mailto:board@finncamp.org). Those looking to add to their work hours should email the Works Administrators at [work@finncamp.org](mailto:work@finncamp.org). General questions may be answered by visiting [www.finncamp.org](http://www.finncamp.org).

## BOARD AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS

### Board of Directors

Wednesday, August 10, 7:00 p.m., no visitors

Sunday, August 28, 10:00 a.m., visitors at noon

### Future Planning Committee

Thursday, August 4, 7:30 p.m., Boardroom

### Sisu Sisters

Thursday, August 11, 6:30 p.m., Clubroom

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