



Finn Fest 2024

The usual preparations have begun for our annual festival and WE NEED YOUR HELP!!

Festivities will begin about 5pm on Friday evening with the Home Run Derby 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 has been the major fundraising event of the year and REQUIRES member participation! It is the perfect time to get work hours in and support our Finn Camp! Workers will be needed in ALL areas throughout the weekend - and some things can be done during the week leading into the festival to prepare the area and grounds for the weekend. Get together with family and friends and sign up to work in the kitchen or under the tent, setting up on Friday morning or cleaning up on Monday, games/activities area for the kids (all ages), concessions and beverage areas, BUT especially, and always, in the kitchen ...WE NEED YOU!!!! Remember – every hour counts, no matter the size of the task!! PLEASE give a couple of hours and pitch in to make our festival a success!!

Watch for e-mail and Facebook blasts for updates and a detailed outline of Finn Fest weekend in the August newsletter.

Work hours sign-up will be posted using the SignUpGenius app beginning July 7th.

For more information or if you have questions, suggestions, or new ideas, please contact Robyn

CALENDAR

July

- 13—**Board Meeting** 9am, visitors at 11am
- 14—**Centennial Meeting** 10am, clubroom
- 20—**Lahde Celebration of Life** 1pm, clubroom
- 20—**Family Fun Day** 4pm, Aho Field
- 24—**Board Meeting** 6pm, no visitors
- 26-28—**Olympics Weekend**

August

- 7—**Board Meeting** 6pm, no visitors
- 3-4—**Children's Weekend**
- 9-11—**FINN FEST**
- 18—**Centennial Meeting** 10am, clubroom
- 24—**Board Meeting** 9am, visitors at 11am

• The Clubroom Hours •

Friday & Saturday - 7:00pm to Close
 Wednesday - 7:00PM to Close
(The Clubroom Bar maintains regular business hours open to the membership during rentals)

• Summer Sauna Hours •

Wednesday 3pm-9pm - All members & guests.
 Saturday 1pm-3pm Seniors and high risk
 3pm-9pm All members & guests welcome
 Sunday 1pm-3pm Seniors and high risk
 3pm-9pm All members & guests welcome

• Summer Beach Hours •

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 11am-7pm
 Wednesday, Saturday, Sunday 11am-9pm

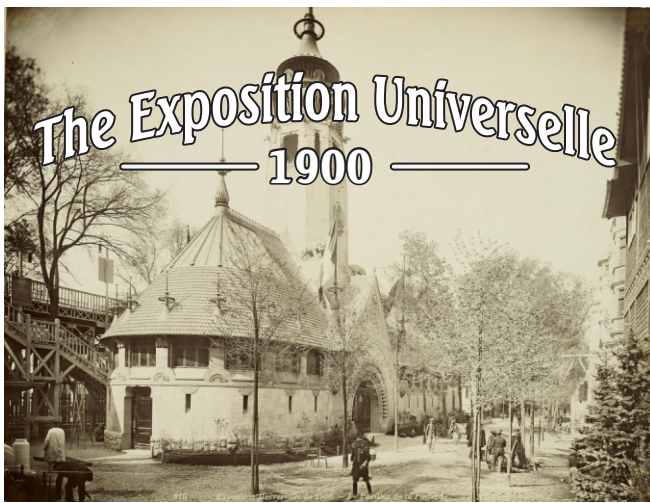
UPCOMING EVENTS;

Note: Not all events are listed on this and other DFCSA calendars. If you are planning an event, check availability of the specific facility on a certain date, please call 248-882-4626

All newsletter material due by the 15th of each month

Jokinen, Finn Fest Chair, email: rbjokinen@gmail.com,
 cell ph#: 810-287-4591 or
 Drew Pype, Finn Fest Co-Chair, email: pyper2899@gmail.com,
 cell ph# 248-310-9228

Thank you!!
 Robyn



Paris' Eiffel Tower is one of the remnants of a greater exposition, The Exposition Universelle of 1900.

As visitors rode the Rue de l'Avenir moving sidewalk, they passed a building which looks like it could have been teleported from the Elven city of Rivendell.

The Pavilion of Finland, designed by architecture firm Gesellius, Lindgren, Saarinen.

Inside, a meteor was placed inside a glass case under the tower. On the ceilings, frescoes were painted by Akseli Gallén-Kallela portraying scenes from the Kalevala. One featured the great worker, the eternal hammerer, Ilmarinen. In the fresco Ilmarinen Plowing the Field of Vipers there was a hidden political message: one of the vipers is wearing a small Romanov crown, a symbol of the imperial family of the Russian Empire, of which Finland was a Grand Duchy.

After the exposition was complete, the Pavilion of Finland was destroyed. The House of Romanov was ended, as did the Russian Empire. The Finnish Civil War was fought. In Russia, the Reds seized power. In Finland, the Whites reigned.

In a historic city such as Paris, there is often more than meets the eye.

Cultural Committee



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SWIM LESSONS



Kittos to everyone who was able to spend the evening

Celebrating the Summer Solstice!

Whether you spent your time making a flower crown, tossing the boot, enjoying the musical performances, snacking on fresh pulla or dancing the night away, fun was had by all!

Congratulations to our annual

Boot-Toss winners;

Amber Martin (65.1 feet)

Cory Sturr (102.8 feet).

I would like to thank all of the members and guests who came out to support and helped to make the day a success!

A special thank you to the button sellers and 50/50 ticket sellers

The kitchen workers, Remi Pype, Jim Santti, Avery Calnen and Sam Barrett

The Shaw family for lighting the path

The Davis family for the flower crowns

Mike Honka, Ethan and Aila Paukovits as our kokko masters

The Wixom Fire Department

The Recreation Committee for the wish sticks and cooling area

Chris Nordin and the Glass Academy for donating the boot toss trophies

Lon Matero for sound

Gavin Wing and Cory Sturr for taking care of the grounds and security.

-Kayla Jokinen

Future Finn Camp Events

Sponsored by the Centennial Committee

- August 3-4 Children's Weekend
- August 9-11 Finn Fest
- August 17 Tiger Outing
- Sept 7 Centennial photo event
- Sept 7 camp crawl
- Sept 8 Centennial Committee breakfast
- Oct 12 Centennial membership photo & Trivia event!!



Beginning at 4:00pm,
 At the George Aho A-field/grounds.
 Bring the whole family and join us for a kick ball game or Sather family style games and activities such as yard yahtzee, corn hole, water balloon toss, etc., Followed by pizza, ice cream social!!
 Opportunity for work hours helping with this event - please contact us by email at:
 recreation@finncamp.org.



Our June 1st Rummage sale was a great success

We are thankful to all for your donations. A lot of members dropped off interesting stuff. We were able to raise enough funds to continue our new Butterfly Garden project on the Westside, which is being spearheaded by Kim Campbell.

We are also gearing up to have a visioning meeting for future endeavors. Interested in joining us or coming to a future meeting?
 Contact Mary Burck at:
 Pennyisland88@gmail.com



Detroit Tigers vs. New York Yankees

Our annual bus trip to Comerica Park on Saturday, August 17, 2024
 The bus will be leaving the clubroom parking lot at 11AM, Game time is 1:10PM
 The cost is \$60 per person.
 Your payment reserves your spot.
 You can drop payment off at the clubroom (You must let Linda Gooden know when payment is made),
 Venmo @Linda-Gooden
 PayPal @LindaGooden or Zelle 2488940974.
 Final headcount and payment are due by July 7.
 I just want to reiterate that we are not holding seats without payment.
 tickets are first come/first served.

Hosted by The Athletics Committee

**Work Hours Available
 Friday Night Grill**

Let's go Voima Boys 2024!

We are happy to cheer on and support our Voima Boys Softball League with Friday Night Grill! You can help by signing up for grill master or grill support. Committee's and individual's welcome. Instructions and support will be given to anyone that wants to help!

Friday Night Grill workers earn up to 4.0 work hours and start at 5:30pm and end around 8:30/9pm. Come and join us for a fun Friday!

Questions? Please contact
 Becky Wendela 248-762-7282



Friday Night Grill Sign Up



Friday, July 26th:

We'll have a replay of the opening ceremony and Friday night grill will be open, Cornhole starting 7pm and Bar Game Relay at 9pm

Saturday, July 27th:

5-8 dinner at Rav, Events; Disc Golf, PickleBall, Partner carrying contest, boot toss, Horseshoes (Times TBD)

Sunday, July 28th:

9-11 Breakfast at Rav, Events: Lenkki 9am.



-TORI-

Finnish Goods
and Member
Hand Made
Custom Crafts
& Art Work

Members needed For Finn Camp's Centennial

We are hosting a Tori, highlighting our members hand made custom crafts & art work and Finnish goods

To be sold during our celebration.

There is limited space so first come first serve.

- Tori hours are:

Saturday, June 21, 2025 10:00am - 4:00pm *and*

Sunday, June 22, 2025 10:00am - 2:00pm.

for details please contact:

Kari Aro
248-217-5467

OR

Lori Aro
248-321-6828



We have had some success in getting photos for the calendar and book we are attempting to make. Please keep sending them to finncamp2025@gmail.com! Any names, dates and places would be appreciated

This summer is going to be so much fun! Several events are taking place we hope everyone will come out to enjoy our property!

We are planning some group photos and hopefully a membership photo for the celebration. If you are a part of a committee and want a group photo, either schedule a time with a photographer you know or come to breakfast Sept 8th with your group and we will make it happen.

We are attempting to get an entire membership photo and have a date set for Oct 12. Please come and support this effort.

This photo opportunity in Sept and Oct are intended to maximize the membership. If your family has been a part of Finn Camp from the beginning we are thinking of getting legacy family photos or by generations. Please consider and try to work with us to make this happen.

Upcoming dates
July 14th 10am in clubroom
Aug 18th 10 am in clubroom
Sept 15th 10 am in clubroom

Upcoming events
Sept 7th photo event - get your group together for photos! Attempting to get a full membership photo.
Sept 7th camp crawl
Sept 8th breakfast
Oct 12th membership photo. We are attempting to get as many of the membership together for a photo.
Oct 12th Trivia event!!

We will be sending out more information about what is going on. As we are in our one year time frame there is going to be a lot more information and ideas that need to be consolidated.

Please consider joining us to make this event spectacular!

Kiitos! Sincerely, The Centennial Committee



Plans for swim lessons are still being defined - but we are happy to have our previous instructor, Hunter Dreisbach, return; however, he will only be available for Saturday mornings!!

We will offer lessons beginning at 9-9:30am with 30-45min lessons ending no later than 11:30am on 7/13, 7/20, 7/27, and 8/3. This will be entirely dependent on member, or their guest, registrations!!

We need immediate response from any member and/or guest interested in registering their child for lessons.

We will cancel/discontinue swim lessons if there is no membership interest.

Cost to be determined based on potential enrollment.

Please send email to recreation at recreation@finncamp.org ASAP or contact me directly: Robyn Jokinen at rbjokinen@gmail.com or call 810-287-4591.



Sing, dance, tell jokes, do magic, you name it, we want to see it
 Informal dress rehearsal Friday, Aug 2nd @ 7pm



To sign your participant up or if you have questions, Please call, text or email Tracy at 586-764-3090 tracylynn726@gmail.com



Grand Finale will be a Sing a Long of the Finn Camp Song!



Celebration of Life for Darlene Lahde

July 19, 1938 - November 21, 2023

The Lahde family will be hosting a 'Celebration of Life' for Darlene Lahde. Everyone is welcome to attend food and refreshments will be provided

Please come and share some of your memories of Darlene Lahde with her family and friends.

Saturday, July 20 at 1 p.m.

Finn Camp Clubroom

Questions: Contact Jim Lahde at 989-400-7386



Saturday, Aug 3rd

Swim Exhibition: 1:00pm at Sun Lake;

Taco Dinner: 4:30-6:30pm at Kenta

Talent Show: 7:00pm in Dancehall

Sunday, Aug 4th

Father's Breakfast: 8:30-11:00am at Kenta

Track Meet: Registration-11:00am

Events begin at 12:00pm.

Work hours available for all events - watch for 'sign up genius' links to be posted for Children's Weekend via FaceBook and email blasts.

Next Recreation Committee meeting will be held on Sunday, 7/14/24 at 11:00am in the Clubroom.



Our father will be remembered as a kind-hearted, genuine, hard-working, and honest man. He led his life with integrity, high moral standards, and purpose.

Dad was a fabulous husband, father, and grandfather: providing each of us with guidance, support, and unconditional love. He was our role model that we all valued and have tried to carry on his legacy with our families.

He married our mom, Delores (Johnson) Kansman on December 31, 1955 when they met in the Navy. Sixty-eight plus years of marriage! They will always be remembered as the dancing couple, the couple in the Loon Lake Player's Plays, and the sharply dressed couple in their hats.

Dad started working for Ford Motor Company in 1956 as an Engineer, retiring at 62 years of age, and then consulting completing Production Quality tests at various assembly plants for the next five year, part time. Then he worked at Kensington Golf Course for ten years.

An avid golfer, dancer, historian, organizer...

"The greatest use of life is to spend it on something that will outlast us"

For us, our dad will be remembered as "maailman paras Isa"-best father in the world" in Estonian. His life lessons, influence, and guidance will continue to impact all of our lives.

For the Finn Camp...he is the reason we have our current sauna building, much history about the Finn Camp; and most importantly, coordinating our Michigan Historical Status and National Historic Site designation to insure we would have our little place in heaven forever.

He has achieved spending his life on something

that outlasted him.

We will be holding a Celebration of Life Memorial on Saturday, September 28, 2024 from 12noon-4pm in the Dancehall. Food will be provided, but obviously following our Finn Camp Tradition, dishes to pass would be accepted and appreciated.

BOARD NOTES & REMINDERS

The Board would like to welcome new members:
Samuel Barrett

- sponsored by Sharon Junnola and Jennifer Barrett
Joseph Solin

- sponsored by Eric Holm and Andrew Pype,
Dennis Burck and his Wife Erin

- sponsored by Dan Linick and Mary Burck,
Ann Hubbard, her husband David and Daughter Zoe

- sponsored by Ronn Yogus and Elizabeth Holm

New work hour cards are now located at the sauna building and the clubroom.

The Board would like to remind all members that the use of heavy equipment must only be done with approval of the mechanical committee. Rob Zewatsky is the mechanical committee chair. Contact Rob or the board for permission to use the equipment.

Please see the new list of Board members:

President - Rebecca Wendela

Vice President - Tony Koski

Treasurer -Carol Barber -cbarberj@sbcglobal.net

Secretary Linda Gooden

Works Administrators:

Brad O'Neill - oneillbr1717@gmail.com

Ray Miller - blitz2266@yahoo.com

Ralph Heikkinen

Reminder that the east side leaf dump is closed please do not dump or put any garbage in this area.

There are plenty of projects for those members that are looking to work their hours. Please contact Ralph Heikkinen at 313-610-5478.

As the new disc golf course is being utilized, the Board wants to remind everyone that the trails are mixed-use now. Walkers please beware of disc golfers, and disc golfers please beware of walkers.

Attention all committees:

The Board would like for you to communicate with us regarding events, projects and fund-raisers you are planning. We would like to support your endeavors and projects and would like to make sure that multiple committees are not planning on tackling

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the same area to prevent overlapping, or we can connect those committees so they can work together. The social director should also be contacted prior to scheduling events to prevent conflicts with other events or activities.

Yellowjackets were a problem last year, especially around the horseshoe pit. We can't predict ahead of time where they will be. If you see yellowjackets, please contact the board so we can call MRK to find the nest and take care of the problem.

Trash Rules: Dumpsters are for members use only! Do not put in large or long items that may wedge or jam the dumpster when being tipped into the garbage truck. No major dumping on festival weekends. No overfilling. No furniture, propane tanks, wood, construction materials or other large items are to be left in, by or around the dumpster. Large items can be placed at roadside near the tractor garage on Tuesdays for Wednesday pickup. **Facility Reservations:** Any member interested in renting the clubroom, dancehall, ravintola, or beach should contact the social director, Joni Sennhenn, at 248-882-4626. Also, all committees should verify venue availability with the social director prior to scheduling events as private rentals may conflict.

The Finn Camp has a member's only group on Facebook. If you are not a member of the group and would like to be added contact Linda Gooden at gooden_71@hotmail.com with your email address and she will add you to the group. This group will include private members only events. Work projects can be another form of communication to our members.

Members are billed every February and August with bills due March 1st and September 1st. You can pay your Finn camp bill by mailing to 2524 Loon Lake Rd, Wixom MI 48393 or PayPal, Using PayPal will incur a 2.99% fee that will be added to your account. treasurer@finncamp.org


Changes to Paypal Terms

Paypal has changed their terms and conditions and all businesses will now be required to pay a 2.9% fee for every transaction. If you are paying your Finn Camp bill through PayPal, you will be responsible for the 2.9% fee that will be added to your account during the next billing cycle. Payments can still be mailed to 2524 Loon Lake Rd, Wixom MI 48393 to avoid fees. Please direct any questions to - board@finncamp.org

- **The board is now accepting bids for Camp 93.** Bids must be in a sealed envelope. They will be opened at the October board meeting. Bids are due by September 30th. They can be mailed to 2524 Loon Lake Rd, Wixom MI 48393 or dropped in the mailbox outside the clubroom.



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Finn Camp Store

Come shop at the Finn Camp store. Lots of new tee shirts, mugs, hats & backpacks. For access to the store during off hours, call Patti Leppi, 248-921-1432, or email, Store@finncamp.org.

BOARD AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS

- July 13—**Board Meeting** 9am, visitors at 11am
July 14— **Centennial Meeting** 10am, clubroom
July 14— **Rec Committee Meeting** 11am, clubroom
July 24—**Board Meeting** 6pm, no visitors
Aug 7—**Board Meeting** 6pm, no visitors
July 18— **Centennial Meeting** 10am, clubroom
Aug 24—**Board Meeting** 9am, visitors at 11am
Sep 15— **Centennial Meeting** 10am, clubroom

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****Min. two week notice****

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**Call or text Mike Honka
at 248-860-5109**

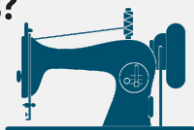
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All members are invited to list here any services—for pay or barter—that they would like to advertise, whether it's a service such as handyman or seamstress or pet care or seasonal activities like garage sales. All you have to do is provide the following 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. (Over 50 word copy will be edited to fit.)
- The deadline is the same as the date for newsletter copy: the 15th of each month.

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