



Appetizers at 5:15
 Lighting of the Yule Log at 5:30pm
 Dinner to be Served at 5:45pm
 \$25 a plate
 Your Choice of:
 Prime Rib, Chicken Breast
 or JOULUKINKKU (Christmas Ham)
 Choices of American & Finnish Side Dishes
 Bread, and Dessert.

You can leave an envelope with cash or check and your meal selection, in the drop box at the clubroom or send a PayPal payment with your order to treasurer@finncamp.org. *Must include an additional 3% if paying with paypal.*



CALENDAR

January

- 1—**Bar committee breakfast** 10am, clubroom
- 11—**Formal Dinner**
- 11—**Sisu Sisters Meeting** 12pm, clubroom
- 12—**Board Meeting** 9am, boardroom, visitors at 11
- 12—**Centennial Committee Meeting** clubroom, noon
- 12—**Woods Committee Meeting** 10am
- 17—**Sisu Sisters Spa Night** 6pm, Sauna house

February

- 1—**Winterfest** starts at 1:00pm, Sun Lake
- 9—**Woods Committee Meeting** 10am
- 15—**Dinner & Euchre**
- 23—**Board Meeting** 9am boardroom, visitors at 11

April

- 5—Virtual Tour of Finland

• The Clubroom Hours •

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

• Off-Season Sauna Hours •

- Wednesday: (run by volunteer)
6pm-9pm - All Members & Guests Welcome
- Saturday:
1pm-3pm Seniors & High Risk
3pm-9pm All Members & Guests Welcome
- Sunday: (run by volunteer)
3pm-8pm - All Members & Guests Welcome

Private sauna rental is available.

Please click on the QR code for sauna sign-up and information on volunteering for Wednesday and Sunday Sauna



finncamp.org/signup

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





October 22, 2024

The King of Sweden recommended Royal Orders to ten foreign citizens: 5 Americans, 3 Finns, 2 Norwegians for extraordinary efforts for Swedish interests.

Americans: Secretary of State Antony Blinken, National Security Adviser Jacob Sullivan, Ambassador Julianne Smith, Ambassador Jeffrey Flake, and Former Senior Director Amanda Sloat.

Finns: Former Prime Minister Sanna Marin, Former Minister for Foreign Affairs Pekka Haavisto (Keynote speaker of FinnFest USA 2024), and Director General Petri Hakkarainen.

Norwegians: Former Secretary of NATO General Jens Stoltenberg and Former Director of the Private Office of the Secretary General of NATO Stian Jensen.

Cultural Committee

by Lon Matero



Happy New Year from the Sisu Sisters

Join us for some fun and relaxation on Spa night, Friday, Jan. 17th at 6pm
Massage, sugar scrub making, food and Sauna will be offered.

Bring a dish to pass.

Sign up sheets for massage will be posted at 6, first come first serve.

Please come to our January meeting in the clubroom on Saturday, Jan. 11th at 12 noon. We will be planning our activities and our budget for next summer.



1925 to 2025 this year the Finn Camp is 100

Thanks to all of the people working to make this event happen.

We couldn't do these things without you.

Come to the next Centennial Committee Meeting January 12th in the Clubroom at noon.

Get the 2025 calendar is here

Please contact Sally or Patti, or stop by the store to get yours now! *Just \$12 each.*

We have new merchandise coming to the store. thanks to Patti Leppi for organizing and making this happen. Make sure to check it out!

We will continue to update on a new schedule.

Need hours? We can help:

- Sally Evans @ 248-767-4472 -

finncamp2025@gmail.com



It's here! The time to break the winter blues and embrace the cold with your fellow Finncampers.

The day begins at 1pm at Sun Lake. Please note: regardless if you are there only for sauna, you cannot be at Sun Lake without purchasing a button. A button must be purchased to enter Sun Lake grounds on Winterfest day.

Buttons will be \$6 per person and include hot dogs, mojakka, cocoa bar, chili dinner, s'mores and entertainment.

The schedule for the day is as follows:

- 1:00pm to 5:30pm Polar dipping and ice fishing at Sun Lake. Hot dogs, mojakka, hot cocoa bar, and entertainment will be provided.
- 1pm to 3pm Petting zoo. Chamberlain Pony Rides company is bringing their petting zoo to Sun Lake and featuring an alpaca, goats, sheep, ducks, chickens, and bunnies. We have the privilege to feed the animals this year and feed will be provided.
- 6:00pm Chili cook-off, raffles, dancing and tomfoolery in the clubroom. Outdoor entertainment includes a bonfire and s'mores station. The bonfire and s'mores station will be located at the top of the hill in front of the dance hall.
- 7pm to 10pm Photo booth upstairs in the dancehall.

Chili makers please bring your crockpot of chili to the clubroom anytime between 1:00pm and 5:00pm. Chili judging will begin at 5:15pm. Chili

makers will receive a free button. Prizes for the top three chili cook-off winners.

- Want to help? Donations and workers needed! If you would like to get a start on your work hours there is a sign-up link posted on the Facebook page and emails will also be sent with the link. There are other ways to help this event as well: we are accepting salad bar, chili toppings, and s'mores station donations. An additional sign-up genius link will be sent with the work hours sign-up.

Received a Christmas gift you don't want? Consider donating it to the raffle prize table. Drop off Friday evening after 6pm or Saturday anytime after 1pm at the clubroom.

-Gina Weidman

-TORI-

Finnish Goods and Member
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and 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

Future Finn Camp Events

- Jan 11 Formal Dinner
- Jan 11 Sisu Sister Meeting
- Jan 17 Sisu Sisters Spa night
- Feb 1 2025 Winterfest
- Mar 1 Kalevala Movie Night
- Mar 22 St. Urho's Party
- Apr 5 Virtual Tour of Finland



No Smoking or vaping within 25 feet of entrance ways

- 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 - treasurer@finncamp.org
 Secretary Linda Gooden
Works Administrators:
 Brad O'Neill - oneillbr1717@gmail.com, 248-701-6192
 Ray Miller - blitz2266@yahoo.com, 248-838-8029
 Ralph Heikkinen 313-610-5478
- **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 the works administrators with your email address and she will add you to the group- board@finncamp.org
- 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 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.
- **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 you can search DFCSCA Members Only and request to be added. We will only add current 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 Future Planning Committee is looking for new members. Please contact Gavin Wing Jr. @Gavin Wing Jr if you are interested in joining. The Future Planning Committees purpose is to review and analyze the facilities and operations of the Association and make recommendations to the membership. Analyze projects for improvements proposed by the membership or Board of Directors. On projects involving finances, gather information regarding costs and time to implement.

The Cultural Committee is looking for some new members. Please contact Lon Matero at lon@matero.net if you are interested in joining. The Cultural Committees purpose is to maintain Finnish culture throughout DFCSCA events, activities and function.

- Once the sauna roof is completed we will be looking for a team to help with the interior ceiling fixes that have been damaged by the roof and sky light leaks.

FORMAL DINNER
 January 11th
 In the Clubroom • 5:00 pm

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.

also the New Finn Camp Calendar is here

**New Finn Camp
 Embroidery Patch
 & Drink Coasters**

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Kris Benestad – FinnCamp Member
 text: 248/909-0141 • email: kbenestad45@gmail.com

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 at 248-860-5109

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NOTARY PUBLIC

Do you require documents to be authenticated, notarised and attested?

Sandra Seabrook - sseabrook2004@yahoo.com

BOARD AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS

January 12—**Woods Committee** 10am

February 9—**Woods Committee** 10am

In Finland

Russian ship held in severed cables probe may have dragged anchor for 60 miles. The Estlink-2 power cable, which transmits energy from Finland to Estonia, went down on Dec. 25 after an evident rupture. It followed earlier damage to *two data cables* and the *Nord Stream pipelines*, both of which have been termed sabotage.

Finnish investigators said they found an anchor drag mark on the seabed, apparently from a Russia-linked vessel that has been seized for investigation.

Link to full story below



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- 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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