



## Saturday February 7th

It's that time of year when we embrace the cold and celebrate Winterfest!

The day begins at 1:00pm at Sun Lake

- 1:00pm to 5:00pm Polar dipping and ice fishing at Sun Lake. Hot dogs, mojakka, coffee and hot cocoa will be provided.

- 6:00pm Chili Cook-off, raffles, dancing and tomfoolery in the clubroom. Buttons will be \$6 per person and include hot dogs, a bowl of mojakka, coffee and cocoa at the lake, chili dinner, and entertainment.

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 judges are needed! If you would like to be a judge please see Gina Weidman at Sun Lake before 5pm to volunteer.

Prizes will be awarded to the top three chili cook-off winners.

*Thank you, Gina Weidman*

*Here is the work hours signup for Winterfest  
Please give this event two hours of your time  
It's an easy way to get a start on this years hours*

**CALENDAR**

**February**  
 7—**Winterfest** 1pm, Sun Lake  
 13—**Olympic Slider Night** 7pm, Clubroom  
 14—**Spa Night** 5-8pm, Sauna  
 15—**Board Meeting** 8am, board room, visitors at 11am

**March**  
 14—**Sisu Sisters** 2pm, Clubroom  
 21—**St. Urho's Party**

**April**  
 26—**Annual Meeting**

**June**  
 20—**Juhannus**

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• **The Winter Clubroom Hours** •  
*Starting December 1st*

Friday - Closed  
 Saturday - 7:00 pm to Close  
 Wednesday - Closed  
*(Lions games and any other special events will be announced through the Finn Camp email blast)  
 (The Clubroom Bar maintains regular business hours open to the membership during rentals)*

• **Off-Season Sauna Hours** •

**Wednesday:**  
 6pm-9pm - All members & guests (run by volunteer)

**Saturday's:**  
 1pm-3pm Seniors & High Risk  
 3pm-9pm All Members & Guests Welcome

**Sunday's:**  
 3pm-8pm - All members & guests (run by volunteer)  
 -Private sauna rental is available-

**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**





**NATO membership  
is bolstering Finland's military**

The country raised the age of conscription by five years, now up to 65 years old, with a goal of a million reserve troops by 2031.

Finland's border with Russia remains closed for the foreseeable future, at the cost of permanent economic decline with its biggest neighbor. The last diplomatic meetings between Russia and Finland were October 2021.

Latest weaponry of war includes battery electric propelled drones which unspool a coil of fiber optic allowing remote control through radio jammed airspace over the front lines. Mainly these drones are equipped to explode on contact, piloted remotely into vehicles, infantry, or enemy equipment.

*Lon Matero, Contributor*



The Sisu Sisters met on January 10th and invite all our ladies to a Galentine's Spa Night. Friday, Feb 13, 5 to 8  
Come enjoy a sauna, massage, games, and Finnish Themed Food & Drink  
Bring an appetizer to share as well as a wrapped white elephant gift for our game if you can.  
Our next meeting is scheduled for Saturday, March 14 at 2 pm in the clubroom.

Please join us as we plan our summer events.

by Mary Burck

**SAUNA WINTER HOURS**

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3pm-9pm All Members & Guests Welcome

**Sunday's:**

3pm-8pm - All members & guests



**Sliders:**

- Beef & Cheese Slider
- Pulled Pork & Cole Slaw
- Chicken, Bacon & Swiss
- Mushroom and Onion

Dinner Salad option to add chicken

- Chicken Wings (BBQ or Buffalo)
- Mini Corn Dogs
- Fries



**Chili Cook-Off**

Click above to sign-up for food donations for Winterfest. Please help keep costs low and donate to our event.



If you have an address or phone number change, please email your change to:

[bookkeeper@finncamp.org](mailto:bookkeeper@finncamp.org)

New work hour cards are located at the sauna building and the clubroom. Please remember that it is your responsibility to have your hours signed off and for you to

Submit Your Card to the Board by 10/31/26

Welcome new member Kristen Dunn. Sponsored by members Diedra George and Denise Neimez.

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 DFCSA 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

Cash payments from members should only be made in person to either the bookkeeper or Treasurer. The drop box should only be used if paying by check or money order.

There are plenty of projects for those members that are looking to work their

hours. Please email [work@finncamp.org](mailto:work@finncamp.org) or [board@finncamp.org](mailto:board@finncamp.org) and a works administrator will contact you

### ***We are currently looking for help***

with the sauna interior ceiling fixes that have been damaged by the roof and skylight leaks.

Please contact: [board@finncamp.org](mailto:board@finncamp.org)  
or reach out to our work administrators: Ray Miller, Drew Pype and Eric Solin

### **Reminders:**

- Members are responsible for their guests when on association property, at all times.
  - Only members who have been qualified and approved by the mechanical committee may operate heavy equipment. The Mechanical committee chair is Rob Zewatsky. Contact Rob or the board for permission to use the equipment. Per bluebook (203.1.23)
  - Members and their guests must have their dogs on a leash on Association property unless in designated areas only. Owners are responsible for their pets. Per bluebook (203.1.3)
  - Members are not to have guest staying at their camp unless they have made a reservation (202.1.2) and made a payment (205.4) per bluebook rule.
  - Annual meeting held on Sunday April 26 2026 This meeting is an opportunity for all standing committees and groups to report on their activities since the October Semi-Annual Meeting. Many important issues are decided at these meetings. This is a key opportunity to participate in decisions that impact our community, and we strongly encourage all members to attend. This is also a good opportunity to connect with committees and members to see what projects or events that need member participation or to get work hours. All members must work 24 work hours by October 31st, 2026.
  - The meeting will be held in the clubroom. Lunch provided.
  - Registration will begin at 11:00am. Meeting starts at noon.
- The Board of Directors



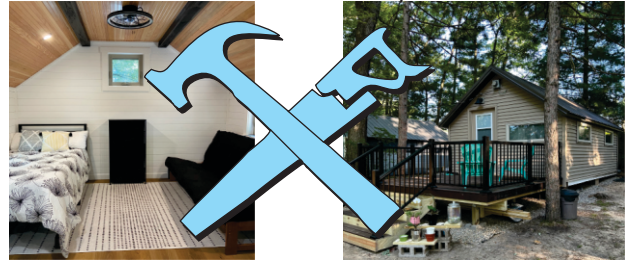
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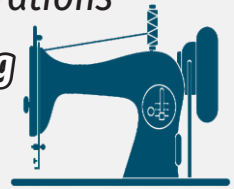


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 to schedule loading and pick up.

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 at 248-860-5109

**Do not help yourself to the firewood.**



## BOARD AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Feb 15—**Board Meeting** 9am board room, visitors at 11am

### Future Finn Camp Events

<b>February</b>	7	Winterfest
<b>March</b>	14 21	SISU Sisters St. Urho
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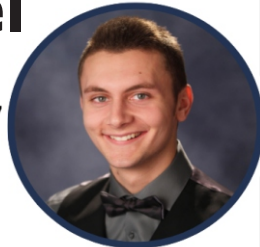
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- The type of service offered; a description of just what you do as the service provider;
- Your price (hourly rate, job rate, to be negotiated, or whatever);
- Your name; and your contact information (preferred method and times: phone, email, etc.).
- 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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