



PBS will be at the Dance Hall Saturday September 26 at noon to hear our stories of our parents, grandparents, great grandparents etc. that migrated from Finland to the U.S. If you have any old photo's you would like to share that would be great.

About Destination Detroit

Destination Detroit explores the rich history of the people who have shaped Southeast Michigan through a collection of interviews and stories. The project tells the region's evolving story — connecting the past, the present, and the future through community voices, powerful storytelling, live discussions and immersive experiences.

As part of the initiative, One Detroit has invited the public to share personal histories on video and explain why their families came to the area. The series was launched in February 2025 at The Station at Michigan Central. There, residents told Detroit PBS staff why their families migrated to Southeast Michigan. Drawn by auto industry jobs and other opportunities, hundreds of thousands of people moved to Detroit for a better life, transforming it into an industrial and cultural hub.

In May, One Detroit collaborated with the Vietnamese American Association of Michigan

CALENDAR

September

- 6—**Hickory Hill Labor Day Golf Outing**
- 11—**Cornhole** 7pm
- 12—**Campers Picnic** 7pm, Clubroom
- 18—**Cornhole** 7pm
- 19—**Wine Tasting** 5-7pm, clubroom
- 25—**Cornhole** 7pm
- 27—**Board Meeting** 9am board room, visitors at 11am

October

- 2—**Cornhole** 7pm
- 4—**Finn Camp Open Disc Golf** 11am, Sun Lake
- 9—**Cornhold** 7pm
- 11—**Board Meeting** 9am board room, visitors at 11am
- 16—**Cornhole** 7pm
- 17—**Adult Halloween Party** clubroom, 7pm
- 18—**Lenkki Coffee Tasting** 10am, Ravintola
- 24—**Kids Halloween trick or treat and party**
- 25—**Semi-Annual Membership Meeting**
Noon, Clubroom

Sauna Hours

After Labor Day, September 7th

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

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to gather oral histories at an event commemorating the 50th anniversary of the fall of Saigon. Members of the local Vietnamese American community shared stories of their families coming to the U.S. after the Vietnam War.

The project will continue through Detroit PBS' America 250 celebration in 2026, which honors Detroit's role in shaping the nation. Destination Detroit showcases hard workers, creative thinkers and adventurous spirits — the stories of the four million people who make up Southeast Michigan.

Here is a link to the Destination Detroit website: [Destination Detroit website](#)

All are welcome to come share your stories.

Thank you,

Dan Linick, Cultural Committee,

734-218-1056



This year the Lenkki has moved into fall. Along the trail this year, we'll have 4 stops serving a different coffee along with hot chocolate and cider.

There will also be a scavenger hunt for the kids! Come enjoy a stroll through the fall colors and some delicious warm beverages.



The Sisu Sisters welcome Fall and continue to work on beautification projects and planning for the 2027 season. We are hoping to purchase more lightweight tables for the association as well as a new trash receptacle. We are currently helping start the cleanout of our costume closet in the dance hall. Join us for our next meeting on Saturday, September 26th at 2 pm. in the Clubroom.

Submitted by Mary Burck



What a great and successful Finn Fest!

A huge thank you to all the members who volunteered their time and energy to help make this event possible, and of course to our Finn Fest Committee for all the hard work put in behind the scenes and throughout the event. We strive to keep this wonderful tradition running strong for many more years to come.

If you would like to get involved and help shape future events, please connect with the committee at our upcoming semi-annual membership meeting for meeting dates and details.

Warmly, The Finn Fest Committee

2026 17th Annual Finn Camp

Wine Tasting
Wines of Portugal



Saturday, September 19th At the Ravintola

Begins promptly at 5 p.m.

RSVP to Joni by September 15th
248-882-4626 (texts preferred)

\$25.00 per person

Enjoy a lovely evening tasting Portugal wines. Sample a variety of reds and whites, along with light appetizers.

This will be fun and educational with
Roger Martin
as the wine expert for the evening.

Don't miss out! Seating is limited.

Sponsored by the Bar Committee

Friday Night CORNHOLE

AT THE FINN CAMP!



Friday Night Cornhole

9/11 through 10/16

\$10 each night, includes \$5 voucher towards bar or food and entry into 50/50.

Random Partners for each of the 3 games.
Most points at the end of the night Wins the bucket
Lowest points wins the ladle.

Hickory Hill Labor Day Weekend Golf Scramble



Sunday, September 6th, 2026

Scrambles Tournament
Open to All Skill Levels

Tee-times 12pm to 2pm, we will assign tee-off times a few days before the event. Handicaps will be issued at check-in.

- There is a \$5.00 cash entry fee plus course fee to be paid directly to Hickory Hill.

Course fees are \$14 for walkers and \$26 dollars per person for cart riders paid directly to Hickory Hill. Open to all members and their guests.

- Post Party to follow at Sun Lake. We will provide charcoal and have the community grill hot and ready so bring your own BBQ and coolers.

Prizes for longest drive, closest to pin, cart decorating and participation raffle.

To sign-up text:

Becky Wendela (248) 761-7282

Jeff Pye (248) 675-9578

The Semi-Annual Membership Meeting

Will be held in the clubroom on Sunday, October 25th, 2026 @ noon. Registration will begin at 11:00am. This meeting is an opportunity for all standing committees and groups to report on their activities since the April Annual Meeting.

Many important issues are decided at these meetings. We'll be bringing money motions to the floor at this meeting.

This is a key opportunity to participate in decisions that impact our community, and we strongly encourage all members to attend.

This would be an excellent chance to have your work hour cards signed and turned in, they are due on October 31st, 2026.



2026 Champions Team G Brand

The Finn Fest 2026 softball tournament had seven teams battling. The championship was won by team G Brand, coming back winning the final two games after losing earlier in the day. The one-day tournament on August 15 followed a Home Run Derby on the previous evening, with 23 participants.

FINN CAMP OPEN



October 4th - Finn Camp Open

- A Two Round Singles Tournament -

Entry fee will be \$50.

Player Pack will consist of:

One Special Edition Discraft Zone Disc

Towel, Sport Sack & Lunch,

Also, entry in CTPs, Ace Pool and raffles

Maximum 36 Competitors

Shotgun Start,

First Round at 11am,

2nd Round 1 hour after 1st Round Concludes

To register, contact Gavin 248 722 0516

Sponsored by The Board of Directors

CAMPERS picnic

Hot dogs and the fixings, chips, smores and two free drink tickets provided to members

Date: **SEPTEMBER 12TH**

Time: **7PM - 9PM**

Place: **OUTSIDE
CLUBROOM**



Reminder:

Golf carts can not be driven on the association property.

Bluebook rule 2003.1.8 motor vehicles may not be driven on picnic or athletic fields, except for loading or unloading equipment or supplies. 203.1.9 off road motor vehicles. Such as motorbikes, mopeds, snowmobiles. ATVs, are not permitted to operate on the association property except in areas that may be designated for that purpose.



Oven/Stove for sale If you are interested please contact our kitchen manager, Remi Pype, or the Board of Directors.



- If you have an address or phone number change, please email your change to: bookkeeper@finncamp.org
- New work hour cards are located at the sauna building and the clubroom. Please remember that it's your responsibility to have your hours signed off and for you to Submit Your Card to the Board by 10/31/26
- New Members:
 Brook Fendo, sponsored by Diedra George and Tracy Tullis.
 Holly Drouin, sponsored by John poster and Jim santtii.
- 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.
- 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
board@finncamp.org

and a works administrator will contact you.

- As members, we watch over our own grounds. If you see something or have a complaint, please let the board know: board@finncamp.org

Or use the Drop Box: Located at the clubroom
(letters can be signed or anonymous).

Thank you for helping look out for our association!

– **Beach Renovation Project Update:**

We continue to move forward with our beach renovation project! Following Labor Day, crews will begin installing new drains and finishing the weir dredging. Concrete pouring is scheduled for this fall—please note that the outdoor beach will be fully closed and under construction once the cement work begins. We will share further timeline updates via email blasts, upcoming newsletters, and at the semi-annual meeting. Thank you for your patience as we work to improve our facilities!

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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 a guest staying at their camp(without a member present) unless they have a reservation. Please see bluebook rule section 202.1.2 and payment 205.4.1
- Please be aware that a fraudulent email is currently circulating to our membership regarding billing and payment. The board will NEVER email you asking for your private account details, personal information, or direct payment verification. If you receive a suspicious message claiming to be from the aboard or organization please to not open, click, reply or send money and delete the email. Thank you for your prompt attention.

- The Board of Directors -



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.



Commercial Oven/Stove for sale
 See page 4 for details

CAMP IMPROVEMENTS & REPAIRS

Roofs • Decks • Siding • Doors • Windows • Flooring

Check our work at Camp #126



• Year-round access to camp country for projects •

Kris Benestad – FinnCamp Member

text: 248/909-0141 • email: kbenestad45@gmail.com



Firewood for sale, \$65 for Members

Delivery is extra

to schedule loading and pick up.

Call or text Mike Honka

at 248-860-5109

Do not help yourself to the firewood.

BOARD AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS

September 27th at 9am **Board Meeting**

October 11th at 6pm **Board Meeting**

Future Finn Camp Events

September 12th	Campers Picnic
October 4th	FC Open Disc Golf
October 25th	Semi-Annual Meeting
November 1st	Fall Talkoo
November 7th	Harvest Dinner
December 12th	Adult Christmas Party



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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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