DETROIT FINNISH COOPERATIVE SUMMER CAMP ASSOCIATION

Marraskuu *(November)* Newsletter 2026



Every member of our community deserves to feel welcome, comfortable, and fully included. At our Semi-Annual Meeting on October 25, 2026, the ADA Committee proposed a motion to spend $275,000 from the special project account to add an addition to our Club Room so that it is accessible to all members and guests and to add a fully accessible family restroom.

This isn't just a construction project; it's about making sure our members and guests face zero barriers when gathering together.

To make this happen, we need to hear from you. Per Blue Book rule 105.2.2, a major expenditure like this requires a mail-in ballot. Your voice is vital—we must receive ballots from at least 51% of our members in good standing to move forward. Ballots have been mailed and are due by November 29, 2026. Please help us build a more inclusive space for everyone. Contact Becky Wendela 248-762-7282 for any questions on this proposal.

Information on this motion can be found at the following link:

https://finncamp.org/adaclubroomaddition

THE BAR COMMITTEE
BREAKFAST

The 1st Bar committee breakfast is scheduled for Sunday November 15th 9am to noon.
This will also coincide with the early start of *The Lions Game*

CALENDAR

November

1—**Talkoo** 10am, Clubroom
7—**Harvest Dinner** 5pm, Clubroom
8—**Board meeting** 9am, Boardroom, Visitors at 11am
15—**Bar committee breakfast** 9am to noon
18—**Holiday extravaganza** 5-8pm, Clubroom
19—**Holiday extravaganza** 11am-3pm, Clubroom

December

6—**Pikku Joulu**
12—**Adult Christmas Party** 6:30pm
31—**New Year's Party**

Sauna Hours

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 DFCSCA 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





We are proud of our scholarship recipients who demonstrated a high level of educational commitment through GPAs, participation in sports and clubs, and community service.

Congratulations!

- Aila Paukovits
- Gauge Heikkinen
- Helena Wendolowski
- Gabrielle Wendowski



The Sisu Sisters held a garden work day on Sunday, Oct. 11 where we weeded the Butterfly garden areas and planted 5 trees- 2 dogwood and 3 Service Berries. We also planted 3 shrubs and several perennials.

Members were encouraged to get their hours in at this event if they were still in need.

Big thanks to Kim Campbell and family for spearheading this event and purchasing all the supplies and plants. The plantings are in honor of past member Helen Morris, whose family has given our committee a sizeable donation in her name to help beautify the Finn Camp.

Our next meeting will be Saturday, November 21st at 2 pm in the clubroom.

Submitted by Mary Burck

Quotes from Our Scholarship Recipients

"I am grateful for the support the Finn Camp scholarship has provided throughout my education."

"Finn Camp has always been about more than simply celebrating my Finnish heritage, it's about people, the traditions, and the relationships I've built there over the years."

"I was proud to earn a place on the Dean's List last semester, an accomplishment that reflects the hard work and dedication required to balance the demands of college athletics with a rigorous course load."

"..this scholarship would allow me to stay focused on these academic and extracurricular opportunities while continuing to work toward my career goals."

"As I continue my education, I hope to honor that heritage by demonstrating the perseverance, integrity, and strong work ethic that have long been associated with the Finnish community."

"I am grateful to have a community where I can continue learning about and celebrating my Finnish heritage."

"...I had many opportunities to talk about my Finnish heritage in my classes. I really enjoyed sharing stories about my experiences at the Finn Camp with my teachers and friends. I even made pulla for them..."

"...Scholarship is especially meaningful to me because Finn Camp has been an important part of my life and has helped shape who I am."

" Many of my favorite childhood memories were made there. It's where I did my first play, learned how to swim, had pulla for the first time, and discovered my love for the sauna. I even learned to sing Christmas carols in Finnish. While these may seem like small experiences, together they shaped me into the person I am today."

"....heritage is not just about where your family comes from. It's about what traditions you carry forward, the stories and food you share, and especially the people you share it all with. Being surrounded by generations of people who valued the same traditions helped me understand that I was part of something bigger than myself."

"...receiving this scholarship will greatly help me to pay any necessary additional costs."

"Finn Camp has given me so many experiences and memories that I enjoy sharing with others, and continuing to stay connected to my Finnish heritage is important to me."

SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING NOTES

Motions approved by the membership

1) Replace bad boards in the swimming dock and fishing dock from special projects

2) Purchase a 20x40ft canopy party tent from Walmart from the special projects fund.

3) For special projects to allocate monies to plant two areas with native plants. First area at the west side entrance along the fence. Second area at kentta entrance in birch tree area.

4) Purchase two more new bar stools from the special projects funds.

5) Spend money from the special projects for the beach drainage project.

6) Purchase three gravel train loads(60 tons) of gravel to maintain
all roads of the association property, two of which have already been
purchased from the special projects fund.

7) Purchase outdoor furniture from special projects fund

8) Fix and refinish the dance hall floor, funds to come from special projects fund.

9) Motion to spend money from the special projects fund to add an addition to our clubroom so that it is accessible to all members and guests and to add a fully accessible family restroom. Because the expenditures are over 10%, we must follow our bluebook policy which states final approval must be submitted by mail in ballot.



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SCANDINAVIAN MARKET

Saturday, November 14, 2026
10:00 AM - 4:00 PM
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To include your name on the holiday card sent to all members, please send $5.00, per member, to Robyn Jokinen via Venmo at Robyn-Jokinen, or drop your payment in the Clubroom drop box, or mail to DFCSCA. Be sure to include how you want your family's name to be listed on the card!

Contact Robyn with questions
at 810.287.4591.

Deadline will be Sunday, December 6th at the Pikku Joulu event.

Thank you! Robyn

Holiday Extravaganza

FINN CAMP
2524 Loon Lake Rd Wixom

2026

Come do your Christmas shopping early or buy something special for yourself!

We will have many unique vendors selling custom home decor, holiday wreaths and arrangements, wearable art, beautiful jewelry and some amazing pasties!

WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 18TH
5-8PM
THURSDAY NOVEMBER 19TH
11AM-3PM

Questions call Kari Aro
(248)217-5467





The Fall Talkoo is Finn Camp's annual tradition of coming together to prepare the grounds for winter

All ages are invited to join in

Free mojakka and a complimentary sauna will be provided for the workers

This year's talkoo will be held on Sunday November 1 at 10am

Sign in at the Clubroom upon arrival



Season's Greetings from the Board of Directors.

As the holiday season approaches, the Board of Directors wishes to extend our warmest holiday greetings to all our members. Hyvaa Joulua ja Onnellista Uutta Vuotta!

- The board will be taking a break for the month of December. Please keep an eye on future newsletters for other upcoming board meetings.

– 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

– 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!

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 -

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.



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Lots of new tee shirts, mugs, hats & backpacks
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call Patti Leppi, 248-921-1432,
or email, Store@finncamp.org.





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







Future Finn Camp Events

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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