



St. Urho's

**Thank You to Everyone
Who Came Out and Celebrated St. Urhos!**
*We are Proud to Announce our New
King & Queen
Dave Grogan & Becky Wendala*
Crystal Soli



**Come out to Finn Camp Sunday May 3rd
at 10:00am for the Annual Spring Talkoo Clean-up.**

This is a traditional work event to help spruce up our grounds and ready our facilities for another great season. It is also a great opportunity to socialize and to get to know your fellow members.

There's a lot to be done including: distributing outdoor furniture, cleaning up around the dumpsters, bathrooms, playgrounds, gardens, bleachers & much more.

Mojakka will be served and sauna is free to all workers after the event. Be sure to register in the Clubroom to qualify for your free lunch and sauna.

CALENDAR

April

- 8—**Clubroom Summer Hours Start** see below
- 12—**Board Meeting** 9am, Open to visitors at 11am
- 19—**Rec Committee** noon, clubroom
- 26—**Annual Meeting**

May

- 1—**Voima Boys Softball** 6PM, Aho field
- 3—**Annual Spring Talkoo** 10am, clubroom
- 24—**Scholarship Breakfast** 9am, Ravintola
- 31—**Garden Beautification Day** 10am, Clubroom

June

- 14—**Fishing Derby** Sun Lake
- 20—**Juhannus**

• 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

The Clubroom Summer Hours:

Begins April 8th

Wednesdays 7pm to close.

Fridays. 7pm to close.

Saturdays. 7pm to close.

The clubroom is always open to the membership during regular business hours regardless of special events going on upstairs or down.



Annual Meeting will be on Sunday, April 26th

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This is also an opportunity for all standing committees to report on their activities since the October Semi Annual Meeting.

Additionally, this is a great time to connect with committees, groups, and members to find available work hour opportunities.

As a reminder, all work hour cards are due by October 31st, 2026. Please attend to ensure your voice is heard and your vote is counted in these vital decisions. Lunch will be provided. Registration will begin at 11:00am



SPECIAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Pending for May 17th, 2026, 12pm

The ADA Compliance Committee has presented to the Board of Directors a need for changing the ADA project discussion from the Annual Meeting to a Special Membership Meeting with a suggested date of May 17th, 2026 with a start time of 12pm

This Special Membership Meeting would be to discuss the details of adding an addition to the Clubroom entryway which would allow for an ADA compliant restroom, new entrance to the clubroom, as well as an updated outdoor walkway to the dancehall. This expenditure will be over 10% of special project funds and will require a mail in ballot for voting (Bluebook 105.2.2; 105.2.3)

It is important that members attend this meeting to learn and discuss this project since it will change the entryway aesthetic while adding benefit to all membership for years to come. This is also a great time to learn about the history of the building, past additions, and topography considered when preparing a project of this scope.

The ADA committee will be placing project boards at the sauna and clubroom as well as provide a link to information for review before the anticipated Special Membership Meeting date. Keep an eye out for an email with an informational project link which should arrive early April.

Questions and comments can be directed to Becky Wendela: 248-762-7282 or rwendela@yahoo.com



**AMERICANS WITH
DISABILITIES ACT**



Happy Spring!

The Sisu Sisters ask that you keep us in mind to collect up your treasures to donate for

Our Rummage Sale

scheduled for Saturday, June 6.

The money we make helps us to do beautification projects throughout Camp Country.

Our next meeting will be Saturday April 25th at 2 in the Clubroom. Join us as we plan for summer events.

Mary Burck

Scholarship Committee

SCHOLARSHIP GARDEN BEAUTIFICATION DAY
at the clubroom

May 31st from 10:00am – 2:00 pm

Bring Garden Gloves and Rakes

*Soft Drinks, Muffins, Hot Dogs and Chips
Provided to Workers*

THE BAR COMMITTEE

A Gentle Reminder

The Bar Committee would like to remind you, only Members can buy alcoholic drinks in the Clubroom.

We as members love this place. We as members like to share it with our friends. We have a Class C Liquor License that requires *Members Only can Purchase Alcoholic Beverages in the Clubroom.*

If you have guests joining us please remember, Only Members can purchase their alcohol drinks.

Thank you in advance.
Bar Committee



THANK YOU to all who came out for the fabulous Bar Committee Brunch and Rec Committee Easter Egg Hunt!! We had about 30 kids with their families enjoy a variety of crafts and cookie decorating before heading out to hunt for more than 750 eggs hidden around the grounds!! A BIG thanks to those who donated through our Amazon wish list for the toys and treats to fill all the eggs, and our egg-stuffing crew!! And finally, a very SPECIAL thank you to the Easter Bunny for hopping by for lots of hugs and pictures!!!

• Next up: The Annual Fishing Derby will be held on Sunday, June 14, 2026 at Sun Lake. Watch for further information and details next month and by e-mail or Facebook blasts. Lots of help will be needed so a great opportunity to get some work hours in!!

• Next meeting: Sunday, April 19, 2026 at 12:00pm, in the Clubroom. We will begin planning summer activities.



Finn Camp's Voima Boys softball team will have its first game on Friday, May 1 at the Aho Field. The Voima Boys play in Wixom's over-35 league, games are every Friday, except holiday weeks, until the end of July. Come out and support your team. Even better - come join us, we need players! Contact Bob O'Brien at: obrienrj2@gmail.com or 1-734-994-4401 if you're interested.

Scholarship Committee News



Scholarship Breakfast



Sunday May 24th 9-11am

Start your morning with a delicious breakfast!

Eggs and Omelets made to order, Bacon, Sausage, Toast, Fruit, Juice and Coffee.

Scholarship recipients - please volunteer for this fun event by emailing to: scholarships@finncamp.org

We need you!

Wear your college T-Shirt and arrive by 8:15am

Special Thank you to our local restaurants for donating gift cards to be used as prizes for the 52-Card Board!



Bar Breakfast Sunday

April 19th, with all the fixings, at 10am

Also Coming Up

Mother's Day Breakfast Bar

May 10th, 10am

Specials to be Announced in May's Newsletter



Hunter Dreisbach, our Swim Instructor for the last 4-5 years, has been accepted for an internship at the Mayo Clinic over the summer and will not be able to head up our program this summer. This is not an easy position to fill, so prior to spending a huge amount of time looking for a replacement, we would appreciate your input if you anticipate your child(ren) enrolling in the swim lessons offered by the Association.

Lessons would typically start Monday, July 6th and run through Thursday, July 30th. Should your decision depend on whether they are weekday vs. weekend lessons, please include this detail.

If we have any members out there up for the task, this is the official shout-out. No certification needed, but should know the strokes and be able to help the kids streamline them. This is a paid position once the member's 24 hours has been fulfilled.

We have also discussed the need to offer basic life-saving classes for the older kids (and adults)...especially how to properly use the life buoy. This would more likely be a handful of classes and does not necessarily have to be in July. If you have any interest, or know someone who could fill this position, please let us know via email:

recreation@finncamp.org

by April 26th (date of the Annual Mtg)

Kiitos for all of your support,
Robyn, Jody, Melissa, Kirsten, Tracy and Kristen



Come out to Finn Camp Sunday, May 3rd



Camp Openings- TBD

** The date for camp openings is undecided as of right now. The board will send an email blast when camps will be open. **

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 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 and family

Breann Drouillard (husband Tony and son TJ) were sponsored by members Jeffrey Vinette and Mark Niemasz. Email is Breann.m.drouillard@gmail.com

– 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
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.

Also accepting applications for these positions as we do every year:

- Caretaker
- Bookkeeper
- Beach Manager
- Kitchen Manager
- Bar Manager
- Bar Captain

Please contact: board@finncamp.org

or reach out to our work administrators:

Ray Miller, Drew Pype and Eric Solin

Thank you to all those who continue to serve our association. We truly appreciate all the hard work!

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.

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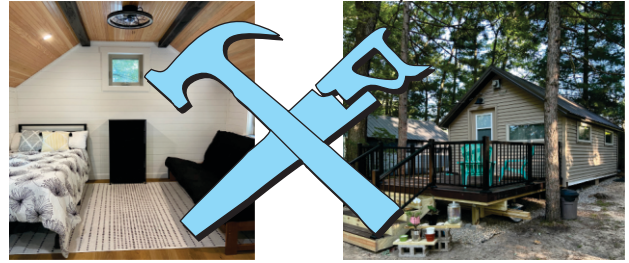
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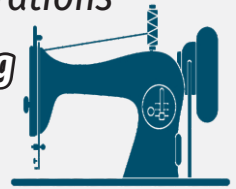
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 at 248-860-5109

Do not help yourself to the firewood.



BOARD AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS

April 12—Board Meeting
April 26—Annual Meeting

Future Finn Camp Events

June	20	Juhannus
August	14-15	Finn Fest



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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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