



## CALENDAR SNAPSHOT

### July

- 3—Future Planning Committee Breakfast  
9:00 a.m., *Kenttä*
- 10—Board Meeting, 10:00 a.m., Boardroom,  
visitors at noon
- 11—Swimming Lessons, *see schedule*, Sun Lake
- 13—Sisterhood, 6:30 p.m., Clubroom
- 23—Sisterhood Floatilla, Sun Lake
- 23—Bar Committee Luau, 9:00 p.m., Clubroom
- 27—Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Boardroom, no  
visitors

### August

- 6, 7—Children's Weekend, *see schedule*
- 12, 14—35<sup>th</sup> Annual Finn Fest
- 10—Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Boardroom, no  
visitors
- 21—Board Meeting, 10:00 a.m., Boardroom,  
visitors at noon

## UPCOMING EVENTS

*Note: Not all events are listed on this and other DFCSCA calendars. If you are planning an event and wish to check the availability of a specific facility on a certain date, please check with Karen Pype (248-926-6219).*

### Future Planning Committee Breakfast

The Future Planning Committee is sponsoring a breakfast on Sunday, July 3, from 9 to 11:00 a.m. We will be serving eggs to order French toast and a breakfast casserole. Hope to see you there!

### Recreation Committee News:

#### Swimming Lessons

We are very fortunate to have Tracey Calnen again as our swimming instructor this year. Registration for swimming lessons will be on Monday, July 11, at noon at the Sun Lake beach. This day will include a swimming assessment (water test) to determine the placement of the children in classes and will establish class times.

Testing will be held at times according to the child's age as of July 11:

Level 6 students: 11:00 a.m.

Ages 10 and older: noon

Ages 7–9: 1:00 p.m.

Ages 4–6: 2:00 p.m.

Age 3: Children this age do not require testing but will play a game with Tracey at 2:30 p.m.

Swimming lessons will be held Mondays through Thursdays until Thursday, August 4. Fridays will serve as makeup days if needed, due to inclement weather. The annual swim meet will be held Saturday, August 6, at 1:00 p.m. This will be a time for all swim lesson participants to display their new swimming skills through friendly competition.

### Cost of Lessons

Members: \$30 for one child, \$50 with two children, \$65 with three.

Nonmembers: \$75 for one child, \$130 with two children, \$180 with three.

### Children's Weekend Information

#### Saturday, August 6

1:00 p.m.: Swim meet at the Sun Lake beach

5–7:00 p.m.: Dinner—hamburgers, hot dogs, grilled chicken sandwiches and a salad bar at the *Ravintola* (outdoor kitchen).

8:00 p.m.: Children's Program/Play at the Dance Hall. Bake Sale/Desserts: Immediately following the program.

#### Sunday, August 7

8–11:00 a.m.: Breakfast at the *Ravintola*, cooked by the dads.

11:30 a.m.: Track meet. Sign up at the A Field.

Noon: Track meet; the George Aho A Field.

Many volunteers are needed on Children's Weekend to make it a success! Kitchen help is needed for breakfast and dinner. We also need volunteers for the Children's program/play and the track meet. For further information, please contact



Kathy Bretschneider at 248-920-4427 or  
Kathleenbret@msn.com.

The Recreation Committee appreciates your continued support of the Finn Camp Children's Weekend traditions! —Kathy Bretschneider

## ALOHA!!!!



### Aloha!

Get out your coconut bras, grass skirts, and Hawaiian shirts! Come to the Clubroom on July 23 at 9:00 p.m. for the Bar Committee-sponsored adult luau! We will have prizes for the best dressed and the limbo! We'd appreciate your bringing a dish for the food table. *No children, please.*

### Come and Get Leï'd!

Prizes for best dressed and the limbo!

### 35<sup>th</sup> Annual Finn Fest: August 12–14

Preparations are under way for our annual festival, and with the help and support of our members we will be sure to enjoy another successful weekend! This is a great time to come out and work some hours, visit with fellow members, family and friends, and cheer on the Voima Boys softball team to victory!

The grounds will be busy with activities beginning Friday, August 12, at 5:00 p.m. and will continue throughout the weekend. There will be food and beverages, music and entertainment, raffles and more! Watch for further details in the August newsletter.

This is our major fundraising event of the year, and it requires a lot of member participation. Workers are needed in all areas throughout the entire weekend, and every hour of help counts, no matter the size of the task! Bring your friends and work

together! Please give a few hours of your time to pitch in to help make the festival a success. **The work hours sign-up sheets are posted at Sun Lake beach.**

For further information or questions, contact Robyn Jokinen, Finn Fest Chair, by e-mail at [rbjokinen@gmail.com](mailto:rbjokinen@gmail.com) or by cell phone at 810-287-4591.

### Rebuilding Oakland County



On May 7, Rebuilding Together Oakland County (RTOC), a nonprofit affiliate of the national organization Rebuilding Together, worked on houses in Wixom. One of them was the home of Finn Camp member Laura Mazur. A lot of volunteers came out. The Walled Lake Eagles, Oakland County and Wixom residents, including a number of Finn Camp members, volunteered in this project. Laura's house had a new handicapped wood ramp built, rooms painted, and much landscaping done around it. Thank you, RTOC, for continuing to help our Finn Camp members.

RTOC is an excellent volunteer organization helping seniors in our area make improvements to their homes. For more, visit [www.rtoakland.org](http://www.rtoakland.org).



### This Year's Fishing Derby

The 2011 Fishing Derby was coooold, but that didn't keep the diehards away, and the volunteers did a great job. I can't say thank you enough to everyone for helping and donating scrumptious dishes to serve with all the fresh fish and fries. For those of you that bought beautiful Swarovski crystal jewelry at the fundraisers, you look mah-velous! Thank you for your support. I am already tossing ideas around for fishing derby 2012. Don't hesitate to give me feedback from this year or any ideas you might have for next year. With great appreciation, Sue Slaughter

### Lily-of-the-Valley



In 1967, the lily-of-the-valley (*Convallaria majallis*) was designated Finland's national flower. This woodland flower grows in all but the northernmost parts of the country. This lily also grows in various locations around the Finn Camp grounds, as for instance just inside the entrance to the West Side campgrounds, on the right near camps 60 and 61.

The lily-of-the-valley's rows of dainty, white bell-shaped flowers blossom in late May or June above carpets of dark green leaves on the forest floor. In spite of their flowers' pleasant appearance and

scent, lily-of-the-valley plants and their bright reddish berries are poisonous to humans, but not to birds.

The lily-of-the-valley is associated with several legends worldwide. It is sometimes known as Our Lady's tears, since the tears shed by Mary at Jesus's crucifixion are said to have turned to lilies-of-the-valley. Another myth describes how the flowers reportedly sprang from the blood of St. Leonard during his struggle with a ferocious dragon.

The following stanza, part of a nice music video about the lily-of-the-valley, appears at [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NRn\\_0tp4ITI](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NRn_0tp4ITI).

*En suao makseni saa  
mutpalaan paikkaan salaiseen uudelleen  
Aamulla maljakossa kielot jotka kielletyt on.*

I won't have you just for my own.  
But I'll return to the hidden place over again  
There are forbidden lilies of the valley in the vase in the morning.

For further details on this national flower, see the following Wikipedia article, which was the basis of the information above:  
[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lily\\_of\\_the\\_Valley](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lily_of_the_Valley).

### What Do You Actually Know about Our Flag?



Did you know that the 21-gun salute at military funerals actually stands for the sum of the numbers in the year 1776? And have you noticed that honor guards pay meticulous attention to folding the American flag 13 times? If so, you probably thought that was to symbolize the original 13 colonies, but the actual story is much more





detailed. The first fold is a symbol of life. The second fold is a symbol of belief in eternal life. The third is made in honor and remembrance of veterans who gave their lives in the defense of our country. The fourth fold represents our trust in God, to whom we turn in times of peace as well as war for divine guidance. The fifth fold is a tribute to our country, as in the words of Stephen Decatur (1816): "Our country: in her intercourse with foreign nations may she always be in right; but our country, right or wrong." The sixth fold is for where our hearts lie, as when we pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America. The seventh fold is a tribute to our armed forces, through which we protect our country and our flag against all enemies. The eighth fold is a tribute to the one who entered into the valley of the shadow of death, that we might see the light of day. The ninth fold is a tribute to womanhood and mothers. The tenth fold is a tribute to our fathers, who also have given their sons and daughters for the defense of our country. The eleventh fold represents the lower portion of the seal of King David and King Solomon and glorifies the god of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. The twelfth fold represents eternity and glorifies, in Christian eyes, God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Finally, in the thirteenth fold, which occurs once the flag is completely folded, the stars are uppermost, reminding us of our nation's motto, "In God We Trust." Flag Day, celebrated June 14, observes the adoption of the flag in 1777 but is not a legal holiday.

### Friday Night Grill

The Friday Night Grill will open during the softball season every Friday at 6:30 p.m. Enjoy a chicken sandwich, burger, hot dog and soft drinks while you watch a game. Note that there will be no games and no grill on July 1.

### Finn Camp Store

The Finn Camp Store will now be open every Friday night from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. during the softball season. The hours may be extended if additional hours are needed.

### New Member

Kurtis Todd Peurasaari, brother of Belinda Arbogast, joined the Finn Camp last month. The editors regret the omission of his name in the June announcements.

### Finn Fest San Diego

This year's national Finn Fest will be held on August 10–14 in San Diego, California. For more information, visit [www.finnfest2011.com](http://www.finnfest2011.com), or phone 619-800-1444, or [emailinfo@finnfest2011.com](mailto:emailinfo@finnfest2011.com).

### BOARD NOTES AND REMINDERS

The *printed* newsletter is now \$15 annually. The online, emailed version—the only way to receive the newsletter in color—is free and is accessible also through our website: [www.finncamp.org](http://www.finncamp.org). We need to hear from you about how you want to get your Finn Camp newsletter:

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If you choose the first option, of paying to receive printed newsletters for \$15 per year, contact Dick Pype at 248-926-6219 or email [kpype123@att.net](mailto:kpype123@att.net), and let him know your preference. (This first year, the cost will be prorated for an additional three months, May–July. Thereafter, the bill will be simply \$15.) If you do this, you will see the additional amount on your August statement. If you want to elect to get emailed newsletters, go to [newsletter\\_editor@finncamp.org](mailto:newsletter_editor@finncamp.org) and write "Subscribe to Newsletters" in the subject field. If you want to opt out entirely from receiving the newsletter anymore, convey that to Dick Pype at the phone or email above or by regular mail to the Association's address: 2524 Loon Lake Rd., Wixom, MI 48393.

**As of April's annual members' meeting, the Finn Camp's annual assessment is now \$250.**



## Further Items

The boat dock is in the water at Loon Lake, but it suffered wind and water damage from a recent storm. The only section that is usable is the first part, out to the T cross-section.

If you hold a children's event at Sun Lake, please make sure that the kids have adult supervision in the dressing rooms and sauna. And it is mandatory for all children under 12—especially visiting ones—to wear life jackets when they use the kayaks and paddleboats.

The camp inspection walk-throughs, on June 12 and 25, have been conducted, and notices have been sent to camp owners whose premises had leaves or debris or were missing their camp numbers.

The **Scholarship Committee** is now seeking applicants. Scholarship application forms are available at the beach, in the Clubroom and through MilliePackard (248-554-9998) or by emailing to [scholarships@finncamp.org](mailto:scholarships@finncamp.org).

## Camp Reservations

Caren Boatman is ready for the new season of camp reservations. Caren, who reports directly to the board, is responsible for keeping track of the association's camp and its availability. In addition, Caren will see that any member owning a camp being used by a nonmember pays the appropriate fees to the association. (Members are responsible for notifying Caren, at 248-224-2847, when someone is using their camp.)

## BOARD AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS

### Board of Directors

*All board meetings are in the boardroom.*

Sunday, July 10, 10:00 a.m. Visitors at noon.

Wednesday, July 27, 7:00 p.m. No visitors.

Wednesday, August 10, 7:00 p.m. No visitors.

Sunday, August 21, 10:00 a.m. Visitors at noon.

## Future Planning Committee

The Future Planning Committee is taking the summer off, so our next meeting will be Thursday, September 1, at 7:30 p.m. We are still keeping the kitchen open for breakfast on Sunday, July 3, from 9 to 11:00 a.m. We will be serving eggs to order, French toast and a breakfast casserole.

## Sisterhood Committee

Wednesday, July 13, 6:30 p.m., Clubroom

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business card or information you supply by mail or  
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of service offered; a description of just what you do as  
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