



CALENDAR SNAPSHOT

August

- 6,7 — Children's Weekend, *see schedule*
- 10—Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Boardroom, no visitors.
- 12,13,14—35th Annual Finn Fest, *see schedule*
- 15—Newsletter items are due
- 21—Board Meeting, 10:00 a.m., Boardroom, visitors at noon

September

- 1—Future Planning Committee, 7:30 p.m., Boardroom
- 4—DFCSCA's Annual Golf Tournament
Reg. at 11:30 a.m., tee times: noon to 2 p.m.,
Hickory Hill Golf Course
- 24—Mojakka Cookoff
- 25—Fall Classic Men's Golf Scramble
Reg. 8 a.m., tee-off 9:00 a.m.,
River Bank Golf Course

Many volunteers are need 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

35TH ANNUAL FINN FEST AUGUST 12-14



It's almost festival time! Mark your calendars and plan on coming out to support this major fund raising event. Get some of your hours worked, visit with fellow members and friends, and cheer on the Finn Camp's Voima Boys softball team!

The festivities begin on Friday, with the kitchen and beer truck opening at 5 p.m. The Home Run Derby will get started around 6:30 p.m., come see the big hitters knock 'em into the woods! Then we will dance the night away in the Clubroom.

On Saturday the kitchen will open at 8 a.m. for breakfast with food available all day in the Ravintola or the food tent. The softball tournament also begins at 8 a.m. with games on our George Aho Memorial Field and the Gilbert Willis Park fields. Flag raising ceremonies by the Wixom VFW post 2269 will be at 11 a.m. There will be music/entertainment from the Dance Hall's porch plus 50/50 raffles, the pitching booth, dunk tank, horseshoes, bocce ball, face painting, and the sale of Finn Camp/Finn Fest merchandise all day. Save some energy for the dance floor with our DJ playing all our favorites in the Dance Hall.

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 Pye (248-926-6219).

Childrens Weekend August 6-7

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*.

8:00 p.m.: Children's Program/Play "Wizard of Oz" 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 George Aho field.

Noon: Track meet; the George Aho Field.



On Sunday we will do it all over again! The kitchen will open for breakfast at 8 a.m. with food available all day. Softball will continue on all three fields with the championship game on the Finn Camp's George Aho Memorial Field in the late afternoon/early evening and followed immediately with the trophy presentation. Music, raffles, and other activities will continue as well.

Many members are needed to work in all areas through out the weekend, especially in security and kitchen areas. As a cooperative association, please participate by giving a few hours of your time to pitch in and help make our festival successful!

Work hours sign-up sheets are posted at Sun Lake beach.

For further information or questions, contact Robyn Jokinen, Finn Fest Chairman by e-mail at rbjokinen@gmail.com or by cell phone at 810-287-4591.

The DFCSCA's Annual Golf Tournament

The September 4, Detroit Finnish Cooperative Summer Camp Association Annual Labor Day Open Invitational Golf Tournament at Hickory Hill Golf Course will be a scrambles tournament. Tee times are still available. Register at 11:30 a.m., Tee times are from 12:00 to 2:00 p.m.: first come, first served. Nominal entry fees plus greens fees and optional cart rental. Open to all members. See or call Mary or Rob Johnson for more details and to sign up, at 248-624-4568.

Fall Classic Men's Golf Scramble

Sunday, September 25, at the River Bank Golf Course, South Lyon, 10 Mile and Currie. Registration starts at 8:00 a.m.; tee-off, 9:00 a.m. Contact Dave Niemi or email him at finncamper@comcast.net.

Juhannus Leaves a Glow

Juhannus 2011 was once again a huge success. I would like to thank Mike and Mary Barie for organizing the car show. A special thanks to Mike Honka, our *Kokko* Master. In my opinion, it was one of the best *kokkos* in a long time.



Mike Honka, the *Kokko* Master.

Thanks, also, to the musicians for making the lighting of the *kokko* a true ethnic experience. Following the fire, the music to dance to—both popular and ethnic—went well into the night and was enjoyed by all.

A lot of time and effort goes into putting on one of these events, which cannot be carried out unless the members recall that we are a cooperative organization and come forward to help. Thanks to those of you who came to do some work hours, and to those who didn't need the hours but still came and helped, after my desperate plea when we saw that there were not enough workers for the kitchen. —Dick Pype, Juhannus Chairman



Catch the Finnish Wave!

FinnFest
2011 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, call 619-800-1444, or email info@finnfest2011.com.

**CSI and Finn Camp**

Raelyn Aro and Chelsea Bandy joined students from six states as far away as Florida to participate in the CSI: Crime Scene Investigation program at Michigan State University, June 19–25. (Raelyn, daughter of Lori Aro and John Solocinski, will be appearing as Dorothy in this summer's Finn Camp production of *The Wizard of Oz*; her friend Chelsea is a swim-program participant.) CSI is a residential program designed for students with high academic ability and a strong interest in learning about forensic science—the application of science for the purposes of law. Through a variety of educational presentations and hands-on experiences, the students learned how their acquired scientific knowledge can be applied to criminal investigation. Throughout the week, the students worked as investigators with real crime scene equipment like that shown below on several mock crime scenes.



Raelyn Aro viewing fibers taken from a crime scene through a high-power microscope.

Photo by Mel Olsen MSU.

Juhannus 2013

No, we're not already planning two years ahead for the 2013 Finn Camp *kokko*. Juhannus, or a midsummer's eve's dream, has been chosen as the theme for FinnFest USA 2013, to be held in Hancock, June 19–23. This will be that city's third time hosting this annual international event. The last time FinnFest came to the U.P. was 2005, when it was held in Marquette.

FinnFest Chairman Jim Kurtti reports that at an informal brainstorming session several people were interested in incorporating a large bonfire in Toivola, and "there was a certain level of affirming what we were thinking by people who independently came up with the same ideas. . . . It was also nice to hear new ideas."

Kurtti went on to characterize the upcoming FinnFest as "copper rather than gold, pasty rather than pate, and sauna rather than spa. . . . We know



we have strengths if we accentuate our region, the beautiful scenery and the wonderful people we have here.”

Hancock City Manager Glenn Anderson added that “in addition to FinnFest, we’ll be celebrating the 100th anniversary of the Copper Strike of 1913, the 100th anniversary of the Italian Hall disaster, and it’s also the city’s 150th anniversary that year.” Everyone is welcome to join a committee or submit their ideas. There will also be future public meetings every few months.

Works and Their Progress

Kitchen Project

Works Administrator Ralph Heikkinen is overseeing the kitchen project and needs help, of all skill levels. We have only a certain amount of time to use a donation restricted to kitchen renovation and don’t want to lose the opportunity! Please seek out Ralph (Camp 54, 313-610-5478) either to add to your work hours or just make a big contribution if you’ve already met them.

Bleachers

If you haven’t yet had a chance to check out our rebuilt bleachers at the George Aho (“A field”) softball diamond, you should go see them. Works Administrator Don Matt oversaw the rebuilding of this seating.

Memorial Fence on Lyonla

The memorial (split rail) fence along Lyonla road outside the *Kenttä* is all but finished, thanks to Denny Sennhenn and Keith Maddick. They have done a great job of rebuilding it, with only a few more boards needing to be replaced.

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 the game.

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.

BOARD NOTES AND REMINDERS

Reminder: that the annual assessment of \$250 will be starting this February (passed during annual meeting).

Please update your family list. If 18-25 year olds are still in school are still considered member’s child.

A Membership Reminder

The board would like to remind all members that if they have an adult child who is under their financial care they should let the board know; otherwise the child will be considered a nonmember. This issue was described in detail on page 6 in the July issue of this newsletter and is covered in further detail in Blue Book sections 201.1.9 and 301.

Scholarship Committee is now seeking applicants. Scholarship application forms are available at the beach, in the Clubroom and through Millie Packard (248-554-9998) or emailing scholarships@finncamp.org.

Scholarship Appreciated

The board has received a nice thank-you note from Dennis Burck for his recent scholarship award. There is still time, so please have your children apply. And good luck to Dennis this fall!

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. We need to hear from you about how you want to get your Finn Camp newsletter:

Do you still want your newsletter to arrive in the U.S. mail, and pay \$15 per year to do this?

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Or do you want to opt out entirely and receive no more newsletters in any form?

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, 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 assessment. If you want to elect to get emailed newsletters, go to 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 the board via a note giving your name and subject in the Clubroom mailbox, or use the regular mail.

Further Items

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—especially visiting ones—to wear life jackets when they use the kayaks.

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**

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

Sunday, August 21, 10:00 a.m., Boardroom. 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.

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