



CALENDAR SNAPSHOT

October

- 1—**Fourth Annual Wine Tasting**, 7:00 p.m., Clubroom
- 6—Future Planning Committee, 7:30 p.m., Boardroom
- 9—Forest Management, pole barn, 10:00 a.m.
- 12—Sisterhood, 6:30 p.m., Clubroom
- 15—Newsletter copy due
- 16—Board Meeting, 10:00 a.m., Boardroom, visitors at noon
- 22—Bar Committee Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Clubroom
- 22—**Adult Halloween Party**, 9:00 p.m., Clubroom
- 29—**Children's Halloween Party**, 5:30, Trick or Treat; 7:00 p.m., Clubroom
- 30—**Semiannual Members' Meeting**, Clubroom. Registration begins at 11:00 a.m., meeting at noon. Work cards due.

November

- 3—Future Planning Committee, 7:30 p.m., Boardroom
- 6—**Annual Fall Talkoo**, 10:00 a.m., *Kenttä*
- 12—**Harvest Dinner**, 3–6 p.m., Clubroom
- 16—Board Meeting, 10:00 a.m., Boardroom, visitors at noon
- 18—**"Escanaba in Da Moonlight" Bus trip**, Purple Rose Theatre, Chelsea

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).

Fourth Annual Wine Tasting

Just a reminder, for those who have preregistered: Wine Tasting, Saturday, October 1, at 7:00 p.m. in the Clubroom, highlighting wines made from around the United States. Also light appetizers, door prizes, a white elephant raffle and, for your listening pleasure, once again the one and only Bruce Foxworthy. The cost is only \$15 per person, payable at the door. This is an adult event; no children, please.

—Sponsored by the Sisterhood

Adult Halloween Party

Trick or Treat! It's time for the adult Halloween party: Saturday, October 22, in the Clubroom at 9:00 p.m. There will be a DJ. Prizes will be presented for the Best Costumes, Scariest, Ugliest, Funniest, Prettiest and Most Original. Bringing a dish for the booffet table will keep the spirits from haunting your camp! Be there or be scared!

—Sponsored by the Bar Committee

**Children's Halloween Fun Night**

Children's Halloween is Saturday, October 29. As an added bonus to this year's Halloween fun the Aros will be hosting the Minute to Win It games, from 12:00 p.m. to three o'clock.

Come out early and join in the fun!

Trick or Treating in West-side camp country will start at 5:30 p.m. Bring treats to pass out to all the little ghosts and goblins. Wear a costume if you dare! If you don't own a camp, haunt an empty one . . . just beware! (West-side camps only, please, so the kids do not have to cross Loon Lake Road.) Meet in the Clubroom for a potluck dinner at 7:00 p.m. Please bring your favorite freaky food for the buffet table.

Volunteers are needed to help run the games up in the Dancehall and for the Minute to Win It games we need three more adults. Email me at kathleenbret@msn.com to sign up. Come earn your hours while having a spooktacular time!

—Sponsored by the Recreation Committee



Fall Talkoo

The fall *talkoo* is Finn Camp's annual tradition of its members coming together to prepare the grounds for the winter. Please come out for this event, which is a sociable occasion as well as being task oriented. 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 6, starting at 10:00 a.m. at the *Kenttä*.

Annual Harvest Dinner

The Bar Committee-sponsored potluck Harvest Dinner will be held on Saturday, November 12, from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m. in the Clubroom. The committee will provide the turkeys, mashed potatoes and stuffing. Members are asked to please bring a salad, vegetable dish or dessert to pass.

"Escanaba in Da Moonlight"

Bus Trip: Purple Rose Theater, Chelsea

Join other Finn Camp members on Friday, November 18, for a bus trip to the Purple Rose Theater in Chelsea to see the Michigan classic "Escanaba in Da Moonlight." The coach bus departs from the Clubroom parking lot promptly at 6:00 p.m. and will return at approximately 11:00 p.m. Dinner is not included. However, you may bring a small cooler. *Tickets are \$36 per person.* To reserve your tickets, please send an email to FinnCulture@yahoo.com or call Carol Melancon at 734-261-3889. Include your name, phone number and/or email and the number of tickets you'd like. Send a check payable to the D.F.C.S.C.A. for the total amount due by October 22. Mail checks to: D.F.C.S.C.A., 2524 Loon Lake Rd., Wixom, MI 48393-1654. You will receive confirmation of your reservation by email or phone. Tickets will be distributed upon arrival at the theater. *No refunds.*

For more information phone 734-261-3889 or send an email to FinnCulture@yahoo.com.

—Sponsored by the Cultural Committee

The 35th Annual Finn Fest



Don Reinholm on accordion; Ed Berger on bass; Hardy Kefes on violin; Adele Stephenson, Bob Ervin and Steve Niemi on guitar.

This successful event was enjoyed by many members and friends. Plenty of food, music and activities kept the crowds entertained throughout the weekend, which included a resounding visit from Mother Nature by way of a spectacular thunder and lightning storm on Saturday evening! The kids enjoyed the inflatable obstacle course and having their faces painted. A large gathering was drawn to the horseshoe pits to watch the first-ever all-women's tournament. Cheers to the winning team of Patti Leppi and Robyn Jokinen! And of course we saw some outstanding softball games—congratulations to the Bayside Regulators on their second consecutive Finn Fest championship. A HUGE thanks goes out to all our members, members' children and friends who came out to work their hours or simply pitched in when needed. Whether you were selling tickets or cashiering, selling t-shirts or raffle tickets, serving popcorn and ice cream, monitoring security and parking, setting up on Friday or cleaning up on Monday, I thank you! Regardless of how small or large the task at hand, your help throughout the weekend was in the true spirit of a cooperative. As always, it takes many people and countless hours to pull this event together. And while I'm unable to list everyone, I'd like to acknowledge the following key people: *Kiitos* to Greg Pelto, Chris and Lisa Santti and the entire kitchen, food tent, and concession crews for all the good food; to Wayne Jokinen, Ray Malila, Denny Sennhenn, all our Bar Committee members and the workers at



the beer tent for keeping our glasses full! To our friends at the VFW for presenting the national colors of the U.S.A. and Finland; to Dick Pye for singing our national anthem and managing the ticket sales and cashiers and to Steve Niemi for the singing of the Finnish national anthem, providing sound across the grounds, and—along with Arne Soderholm, Jack Levoska and many friends—for entertaining us again this year with their musical talents. A nod to Dave Niemi for setting up the sound system in the Clubroom on Friday and to Linda Gooden for providing our dance music. Jim Aro and John Solocinski prepared and maintained the horseshoe pits, and Jim coordinated several tournaments over the weekend. Thanks to the O'Brien family for running the pitching booth, and to Jon Foss for keeping watch over the kids on the obstacle course. Jeff Pye managed another great softball tournament. Thanks also to Paul Salo for grounds maintenance, Ted Orman for his all-day prepping and lining the field on Friday, and added thanks from Jeff to Todd Pye for his dependable assistance and support every year, all weekend: especially for the 5:30 a.m. wakeup call on Sunday morning to dry out and prepare the field after Saturday night's storm! Thanks to Larry Gooden for security and the parking detail, and to Tommy Homak, who manned our main entrance all weekend. Special thanks to our young teenage workers Lindsay Taipala, Drew Pye, Dustin Evans, Nathan Evans and David Taipala who worked all day with Larry on Thursday putting up the perimeter fencing. Finally, thanks to Gavin Wing and his crew for picking up after us all day and each night!

Finn Fest continues to be our grandest tradition and a great time to meet and visit with past or present members and friends. So save the date for next year: August 10–12!

—Robyn Jokinen, Finn Fest Chairman

Kitchen Project

Works Administrator Ralph Heikkinen, who is overseeing the Clubroom kitchen renovation project, needs help at 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 this one-time 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.

Board Notes and Reminders

A belated but no less hearty thank-you to Jim Martin for his much appreciated work with Denny Sennhenn on repairing the memorial fence on Lyonia Road this summer! Without his able assistance the project would have been much more difficult.

The Semiannual Members' Meeting has been scheduled for Sunday, October 30.

Registration is at 11:00 a.m. The meeting itself begins promptly at noon. Please remember that work cards are due at this meeting.

And speaking of members, we want to welcome the Chris Eilolo family: Chris, his wife, Jamie, and their two daughters. Chris and Works Administrator Ralph Heikkinen are cousins.

The board would like to remind members that the annual assessment will become \$250, starting this February, as passed during the April annual meeting.

Scholarship Committee

This group 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.

Dump Truck for Sale by Board

The board is now accepting sealed bids for the Association's 1972 Ford Custom Dump Truck, as is. The truck needs motor and hydraulic work. Send your bid to the attention of the board at the DFCSA's address, marking the envelope "Ford Dump Truck." This item is offered in accordance with BlueBook Rule 105.3.1—Disposal Other than Real Estate.

**BOARD AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS****Future Planning Committee**

Thursday, October 6, 7:30 p.m., Boardroom.
The Future Planning Committee is currently welcoming members who might want to serve on that group. Inquire of Sharon Junnola if interested.

Forest Management Committee

The Forest Management Committee will be meeting October 9, on the second Sunday of the month, its usual one, at 10 a.m. at the pole barn. The committee is looking for new people to join.

Sisterhood

Wednesday, October 12, 6:30 p.m., Clubroom.

Board of Directors

Sunday, October 16, 10:00 a.m., Boardroom.
Visitors at noon.

Bar Committee

The next Bar Committee meeting will be October 22 at 6:30 p.m. in the Clubroom. The meeting will be followed by the Adult Halloween Party, as noted in a separate announcement.

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