



The children's play and movies were long seen on the old stage by the path down to Loon Lake Road. Finn Camp Archives.

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 call Karen Pye (248-926-6219).

Children's Weekend, August 4-5

Saturday, August 4

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, "Aladdin," in the Dance Hall.
Bake Sale/Desserts: Immediately following the program.

Sunday, August 5

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.

Many volunteers are needed on Children's Weekend to make it a success! Kitchen help in particular is needed for the Saturday night dinner and with desserts for that event. We also need volunteers for the Children's program/play and the track meet. For further information, please call Marty Boatman at 248 224-4741 or email him at mrbi40@gmail.com.

CALENDAR SNAPSHOT

August

3, 17, 24—Softball playoffs
4-5—Children's Weekend
8—Sisterhood, 6:30 p.m., Clubroom
8—Board meeting, 6:00 p.m., no visitors

10-12th—35th Annual Finn Fest

15—Calendar and newsletter items due
19—Board meeting, 10:00 a.m., visitors at noon

September

1—Bar Committee "Hay Down," 7:00-9:00 p.m., Dance Hall
2—Annual Golf Tournament. Reg. 11:30 a.m., tee times noon to 2 p.m., Hickory Hill Golf Course
6—Future Planning Committee, 7:30 p.m., Boardroom
9—Board meeting, 10:00 a.m., visitors at noon
12—Sisterhood, 6:30 p.m., Clubroom
23—Fall Classic Men's Golf Scramble. Reg. 8:00 a.m., tee-off 9:00 a.m., River Bank Golf Course
29—Autumn Fest and Mojakka Cookoff



Softball game, summer of 1980. (Center to right): Kathi and Jim Yeager, Eric Solin. Photograph by Russ Matero.

35th Annual Finn Fest—August 10–12

The festival is quickly approaching! Mark your calendars to come out and support this major fundraising event. Get some hours worked, visit with fellow members and friends and cheer on the Finn Camp's Voima softball team!

Friday kicks off the festival with the kitchen and beer truck opening at 5:00 p.m., followed by the Home Run Derby starting around 6:30 p.m. Come see the big hitters knock 'em into the woods! We will continue the evening with music and dancing in the Clubroom!

On **Saturday** the kitchen will open at 8:00 a.m. for breakfast with food available all day in the *Ravintola* or the food tent. The softball tournament also begins at 8:00 a.m., with games on our George Aho Memorial Field and the Gilbert Willis Park fields. Flag-raising ceremonies by the Wixom VFW post will be at 11:00 a.m. We will have music and entertainment from the Dance Hall porch plus 50/50 raffles, the pitching booth, dunk tank, horseshoes, bocce ball, face painting and the sale of Finn Camp and Finn Fest merchandise throughout the day. Save some energy for the dance floor with our DJ playing all our favorites in the Dance Hall.

Sunday we will do it all over again! The kitchen will open for breakfast at 8:00 a.m. with food available all day. Softball will continue on all three fields with the championship game on the Finn Camp field in the late afternoon or early evening, followed immediately by the trophy presentation. Music, raffles and other activities will continue as well.

Many members are needed to work in all areas throughout the weekend, especially in security and the kitchen. As a member of a cooperative association, please participate by giving a few hours of your time to pitch in and help make our festival successful! **Work-hour sign-up sheets are posted at Sun Lake Beach, or contact Robyn directly for other available options for hours.**

Friday Night Grill

The Friday Night Grill is open during softball playoffs Fridays at 6:00 p.m., August 3, 17 and 24. Enjoy a chicken sandwich, burger or pulled pork sandwich, hot dog and soft drinks while you watch a game.

Wanted

New members looking to purchase a camp. Please contact James (586-601-5449) or Tiffany (586-675-9636) Duffney.

Wanted

Used aluminum boat. Contact Brian Pelto at ph: 734-658-8804 or email: Wbpelto@ohiogratings.com

Lost

Canon DSLR camera lost during Juhannus. If found call Dave Grogan, 248 974-5904 or write dsgisme@yahoo.com.

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

Loon Lake Clean-up

On a splendid Saturday in July the Finn Campers shown below gathered at the Loon Lake beach to remove invasive water plants like the milfoil shown in the first photo below. Works Administrator Kevin Homola (*next photo, second from right*) organized the effort, and his family provided a hearty picnic afterward that was much enjoyed by all who helped.



Photographs by Janice Homola



Bar Committee “Hay Down”

The Bar Committee is sponsoring a “Hay Down” on Saturday, September 1, in the Dance Hall. Put on your cowboy gear and join us to learn Line Dancing and the Two Step! Doors open at 7:00 p.m. and

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lessons will be offered from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. There will be prizes and a 50/50! Beer and wine will be sold in the Dance Hall, and there will be a full bar in the Clubroom. Admission is only \$5 per person, so come on down, y'all! —Sherry Martin

DFCSCA Annual Golf Tournament

The Detroit Finnish Cooperative Summer Camp Association's Annual Labor Day Open Invitational Golf Tournament at Hickory Hill Golf Course on Sunday, September 2, will be a scrambles tournament. Tee times are still available. Tee times are from 12:00 noon 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 23, 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. See Dave Niemi or email him at finncamper@comcast.net.

Autumn Fest and Mojakka Cookoff

On September 29 we will hold our Autumn Fest and Mojakka Cookoff, featuring this distinctive Finnish staple in varieties for every taste: beef, chicken, pork, vegetarian, fish. Music will be provided by the Finnish Center Association's FinnFolk, including Finn Camp's own Steve Niemi on guitar. Full details will be provided in the September newsletter. All proceeds are to benefit the Scholarship Fund.

The Clubroom Piano

Bruce Foxworthy reports that "the work on the piano has begun and will take about a month or so. I have the action here at home and am doing some work on it in my spare time. This work will help to keep it articulating a little better a little longer."

The 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.

Articles Wanted— Member Spotlight

Do you have a favorite memory of growing up in the Finn Camp you'd like to share? Perhaps you have an interesting story of Finn Camp history. Member spotlight articles are especially interesting. Please send a few paragraphs, preferably with a photograph, to: newsletter_editor@finncamp.org

The committee is always seeking fun and interesting stories from members.

Free "CLASSIFIED" Ads

All members are invited to list here any services—for pay or barter—that they would like to advertise. Whether it's a service such as handyman or seamstress or pet care, or seasonal activities like garage sales, we will be listing these in upcoming newsletters. All you have to do is provide—via your business card or information you supply by mail or email to the newsletter editor (see the box on the last page) the following information: 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. (Overlength copy will be edited for fit.) The deadline is the same as the date for newsletter copy: the 15th of each month.



The king and queen serve their subjects during the July 22 board-sponsored breakfast.

Camp Country News

Our camp reservation agent, Caren Boatman, reports that the Association's own camp, Number 129, is ready, willing and able to be reserved. However, she says, "It's been a surprisingly slow summer. [Last summer, Caren succeeded in reserving the camp for every weekend, all summer.] The camp is currently reserved from the end of July through the middle of August. I would love for members to spread the word to their trusted family and friends so we can fill up the rest of the season!" The camp could use some new shutters, she says, if anyone would like to earn some hours. And she is still accepting donations for some inside amenities such as an updated television, radio and/or DVD player. Please call Caren at 248-224-2847 or e-mail her at reservations@finncamp.org if you have any questions or are interested in reserving this camp, on the West Side.

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BOARD NOTES AND REMINDERS

The board would like to welcome new member Angie Schroder.

There are many work projects going on. Please do not wait until October to get your hours in. Please contact Works Administrators Denny Sennhenn, Kevin Homola or Don Matt. Remember: Finn Camp is a cooperative, not a resort. It takes all members to keep our grounds, buildings and equipment in shape.

For members who have suggestions, comments or board-related business, please send an email to Board@finncamp.org.

BOARD AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Board of Directors

Wednesday, August 8, 6:00 p.m., no visitors

Sunday, August 19, 10:00 a.m., visitors at noon

Sunday, September 9, 10:00 a.m., visitors at noon

Future Planning Committee

September 6, 7:30 p.m., in the boardroom.

Sisterhood

Wednesday, August 8, 6:30 p.m., Clubroom

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