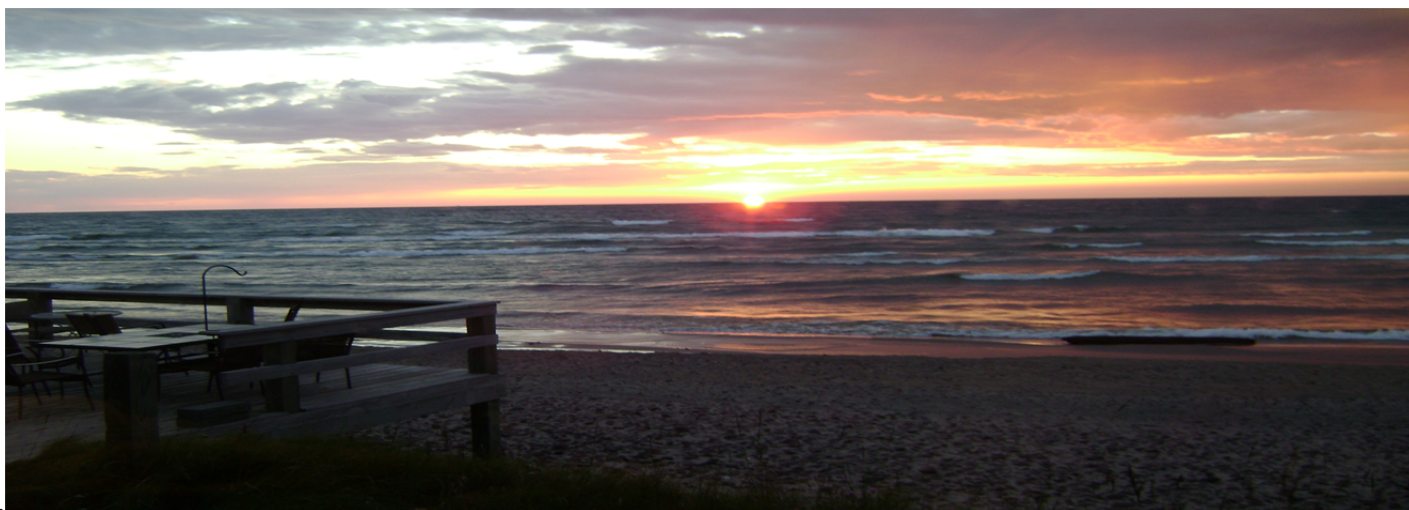




DETROIT FINNISH COOPERATIVE SUMMER CAMP ASSOCIATION

FINN CAMP NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER 2013



The sun sets on another Michigan summer, into Lake Superior off Eagle River. *Photo by David R. 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 call Karen Pype (248-926-6219).

Sixth Annual Wine Tasting and Pasta Dinner

This year's wine tasting takes us along the Mediterranean from Spain last year to the different winemaking regions of Italy. The evening will begin at 6:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 5, in the Clubroom with a light appetizer and a sparkling prosecco. At 7:00 p.m., we can enjoy a pasta dinner, while Bruce Foxworthy plays the newly reconditioned piano for our listening pleasure.

The cost is only \$20 for the full offering of dinner and wine. Limited seating will be available for dinner only, at \$8. Email Joni Sennhenn at jsennhenn@comcast.net or call her at 248-882-4626. This event is sponsored by the Bar Committee.

Adult Halloween Party

Join us in the Clubroom on Saturday, October 19, at 9:00 p.m. for the Adult Halloween Party! Prizes will be awarded for the best costumes as well as for the prettiest, scariest, ugliest, funniest and most original costumes. This event will be fiendishly, frightfully fun! Bring a dish for the buffet table to keep the evil spirits from haunting your camp! This event is sponsored by the Bar Committee. —Scary Sherry Monster Martin

CALENDAR SNAPSHOT

October

- 3—Future Planning Committee, 7:30 p.m., Boardroom
- 5—Wine Tasting, 6:00 p.m., Clubroom
- 9—Sisterhood Committee, 6:30 p.m., Clubroom
- 12—Recreation Committee, 8:30 p.m., Clubroom
- 19—Adult Halloween Party, Clubroom
- 20—Board meeting, 10 a.m.: no visitors except new members
- 26—Children's Halloween Fun Night, Clubroom
- 27—**Semiannual Members' Meeting**, 12:00 noon; registration begins at 11:00 a.m.
- 31—**Work Hours cards due**

November

- 2—Harvest Dinner, 3:00–6:00 p.m., Clubroom
- 3—**Annual Fall Talkoo**, 10:00 a.m., *Kenttä*
- 7—Future Planning Committee, 7:30 p.m., Boardroom
- 10—Forest Management Committee, 10:00 a.m.; meet at pole barn
- 20–21—Holiday Gift Sale
- 24—Board meeting, 10 a.m.: visitors at noon

Children's Halloween Fun Night

Children's Halloween is Saturday, October 26.

Trick or Treating in the 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 at the Clubroom at 7:00 for some ghoulish food. New this year! We will also be having a hot dog roast outside the Clubroom. Please also bring a dish to pass, including desserts. If you are bringing guest please make sure they also provide a dish to pass. Music and games will haunt the Dance Hall after we eat!! So please join in the fun! Volunteers are needed to help run the games up in the Dance Hall. For more information, please contact Kathy Bretschneider (248-821-6440) or Marty Boatman (248-224-4741).—Sponsored by the Recreation Committee

Semiannual Membership Meeting

The fall membership meeting will be held Sunday, October 27, at noon, with registration beginning at 11:00 a.m., in the Clubroom. All members are urged to attend this very important meeting, at which many issues are decided. Let your voice be heard on this and many other items important to all members. A light lunch will be served at the break, for a nominal donation.

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 3, starting at 10:00 a.m. at the *Kenttä*. Remember to sign in at the Clubroom upon arrival.

Holiday Extravaganza

You're invited to our holiday bazaar. Do your Christmas shopping early.

Come and select from our arts, crafts, holiday gifts and treasures—this is more than a craft show!

Our artists will be offering unique *handmade* items: Home décor, arrangements, wreaths, wearable art, including beautiful jewelry. You will find many beautifully crafted holiday gift items, wonderful edibles and one-of-a-kind treasures to fit every budget! Join us on Wednesday, November 20 and Thursday the 21st from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. in the Clubroom. Call Kari Aro, 248-624-6183, with any questions.

Camps for Sale



Camp 103, West Side

Charming cottage-style cabin with high-end materials: real stucco exterior, terra-cotta tile, Old World textured walls and ceiling. Under-cabin storage conceals yard tools, larger patio items. Fully decorated/furnished: ceiling fan, vinyl windows, bedside sconces, trundle bed (sleeps 4), all patio furnishings, gas grill, mini-fridge, microwave, electric fireplace, bistro table, 5 storage dressers for dishes, cooking utensils, linens, bedding—everything you need—just pack your clothes and come out for the weekend. For a tour or more information, call Crystal: 248- 421-3975.

Camp 106, west side

New roof, many extras
Call Tom:
586-770-2156

Camp 137, West Side

\$1,600 or best offer
Call Chris Aho:
248-804-2886
Please: No calls from
nonmembers

The 36th Annual Finn Fest

What a great weekend it was, with picture-perfect weather and temperatures! Members and friends enjoyed visiting and catching up with each other, listened to great entertainment from the Dance Hall porch, filled up on our traditional festival foods, gathered around the horseshoe pits for some entertaining matches or looked on as some tried their skills at the “life-sized” Jenga game, danced into the nights, and cheered on some great softball teams! Congratulations to the back-to-back tournament champions Team Merkin and to the back-to-back runners-up, the Bayside Regulators!

Countless hours are spent pulling this event together. **BIG THANKS** go out to those members, members’ children and friends who came out to work their hours at the festival or who simply pitched in when needed. Even so, at the end of the day, we needed more help!

Whether you were putting up the tents and fencing or hanging pennants, elbow deep in coolers of ice and water fishing for pop or Gatorade, manning the grills or fryer, getting steamed over the huge pot of corn cooking or the unending sink of dishes or keeping watch at the gates and entrances, THANK YOU! And to those who, because of the rain delay on Monday, came back on Wednesday to take the tents and fencing down and store them, THANK YOU! This is what defines cooperative: Without it, we cannot succeed.

As always, I am unable to list everyone, but some people must be acknowledged: *Kiitos* to Greg Pelto, Chris and Lisa Santi and the workers in the kitchen, food tent and concessions for all the good food; to Wayne Jokinen, Denny Sennhenn, the Bar Committee members and the beer tent workers for keeping our glasses full! To Dick Pype 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 to Arne Soderholm and other friends for entertaining us with their musical talents. Thanks to the O’Brien family at the pitching booth, John Mazurek and company at the horseshoe pits, Patti Leppi and Lori Aro in the Finn Camp store and Laurie and Lindsay Taipala at the beach! To Jeff Pype for another great softball tournament, with thanks to Paul Salo, Todd Pype, and Gary Delavan for field maintenance. To Larry Gooden and his crew for security and the parking detail, and a special shout-out to our young teen members, who are stepping up and helping too! Cooperative . . . the next generation! Finally, to Gavin and Ginger Wing and their crew for picking up after us all weekend, especially in the wee hours of the morning!

Finn Fest has become our grandest tradition for nearly four decades, as well as being our largest fundraiser! We need members to come out to work and support this event! Please participate next year. I look forward to seeing you August 8, 9 and 10, 2014. —Robyn Jokinen, Finn Fest Chairman

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.

Sewing Lessons

Beginner to Intermediate.
Clothing/Quilts and Crafts
Contact Lori Aro for class times:
248-321-6828

Sherry’s Sweet and Savory Pasties

Beef: \$4 each; Pulla: \$4 per loaf
Call Sherry Kurin to place order:
248-535-6022

Cords of Firewood for Sale

\$50 for members and
nonmembers.
Delivery extra.

Contact Mike Honka,
ph. 248-860-5109.

Need a Seamstress?

Call Cindi Maddick for all your
alterations, custom work
and mending at
248-303-7337.

Pole Barn Clean-up

The pole barn clean-up on Saturday, September 14, was a complete success. The barn had not been cleaned in years. It was a lot of hard work, but our membership stepped up to the plate. It's hard to imagine just how much we had in that barn: old window frames people had given us, big old galvanized fence posts with huge globs of cement at their bases that had to be hit with sledge hammers to remove the cement, an enormous pile of oak wood to be rotated and moved to a new area for aging. And the snowplow blade was buried behind so much stuff that it was difficult to dig out the blade so it could be mounted to do the plowing. The dump truck and the two tractors now face forward side by side, ready to drive out easily and jump start this winter if need be.

We would like to thank the following people for their hard work with this effort: Karl Aro, Joselle Bamford, Larry Gooden, Hillary Grogan, Mike Honka, Patti Leppi, Jim Martin, Mike Niemasz, Walter Peltier, Denny Sennhenn, Paul Salo, Reino Solin, Guy Swanson and Scott Taipala. Many thanks to all above for this accomplishment. —Dan Linick, Board President

Condolences: Lorna M. Kansman



Lorna Miriam Kansman: May 12, 1923–August 28, 2013. In loving memory of a long-time Finn Camp member. A celebration of Lorna's life was held on Saturday, September 7, in the Clubroom. The Clubroom was filled to capacity and many family members shared stories of Lorna's life. The family would like to thank all who were present and supported them with prayers, support, kind words and friendship. *Kiitos* from all of the above!

Sauna Building Brick Pavers

We had a very nice response to adding additional bricks at Sun Lake. We have received 53 new bricks to install and have 3 that are replacing bricks that were previously received with spelling errors. The new bricks will be installed this fall and will simply replace some of the blank bricks without having to enlarge the current setting. Thanks to all who responded. —Karen Pype

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You Can Help

What have we been missing—for instance, we've begun asking here for information about new family members and new members (below, in **bold**). What else would you like to hear about?

New Family Members: Have you had a birth or adoption in the family since last month's newsletter? Let us know the name and parents' names and supply a photo (optional) so we can welcome the new one.

New Members: We'd like to introduce you properly to the rest of the membership. Could you supply us with a photo, and answer a few basic questions:

Are you the first of your family to become a member?

How did you connect with Finn Camp?

What do you hope to find here—children's programs, cultural events, outdoor activities?

Do you have a camp, or are you looking for one?

See below on how to reach us.

Condolences: Please supply the name, approximate date of death and information about how the decedent is a member of the Finn Camp community. A returnable photo would be appreciated.

Scholarship Applications

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

BOARD NOTES AND REMINDERS

All work hours cards must be turned in by October 31 or there will be a \$5 late charge assessed to your bill.

Bids have been closed for the two association camps previously listed.

The board is accepting bids for a front-mounting snowblower attachment compatible with a 1985 John Deere tractor model 950. Bids are also being accepted for a 12-foot aluminum boat (below). Bids for both will be opened at the October meeting.



For members who have suggestions, comments or board-related business, please send an email to board@finncamp.org. You may also contact Works Administrators Kevin Homola, Jim Santti or Denny Sennhenn at this email address.

There's a Lot in Store for You!



Shop the Finn Camp Store, in the Clubroom, whatever the season! We have t-shirts, hats, hoodies, koozies, and Finnish CDs. For access to the store during off hours, call Patti Leppi, at 248-921-1432, or email her at pleppi@att.net.

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BOARD AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Board of Directors

Sunday, October 20, 10:00 a.m., no visitors except new members

Future Planning Committee

Thursday, October 3, 7:30 p.m., Boardroom

Sisterhood

Wednesday, October 9, 6:30 p.m., Clubroom

Recreation Committee

Saturday, October 12, 8:30 p.m., Clubroom

Forest Management Committee

Sunday, November 10, 10:00 a.m., meet at pole barn. All interested are encouraged to contact Michael Honka (248-860-5109).

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