



DETROIT FINNISH COOPERATIVE SUMMER CAMP ASSOCIATION

FINN CAMP NEWSLETTER

JUNE 2014



The heart of Finn Camp country in early spring.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Note: Not all events are listed on this and other DFCSA 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).

Men's Spring Scramble Golf Outing

The annual men's spring classic golf outing is on Sunday, June 1, at the Riverbank Golf Course, 24095 Currie Rd., South Lyon (10 Mile and Currie). Registration starts at 8:00 a.m., with tee offs at 9:00. See Dave Niemi for more details.

Talent Show

Hei, all you talented Finn Campers: polish up your act and come and perform in the Bar Committee-sponsored Variety Show! If you can sing, dance, play a musical instrument or tell a good joke, then register to perform in the variety show July 5 in the Dance Hall. This will be a fun fundraiser!—Sherry Martin, Bar Committee

Annual Fishing Derby

Sunday, June 8, could be your lucky day at our annual fishing derby. (This event is for members and their guests only; others are responsible for any nonderby beach fees.) Registration starts at 9:00 a.m., the fishing begins at ten and lunch is about noon. Fish for hours, enjoy a freshly cooked fish-and-chip lunch—and maybe even win a great prize!

— Sue Slaughter

CALENDAR

June

- 1—**Men's Spring Golf Outing**, 8:00 a.m.
- 5—Future Planning Committee, 7:30 p.m., Boardroom
- 8—**Fishing Derby**
- 8—Board meeting, 10:00 a.m., visitors at noon. Camp inspections
- 10—Sisu Sisters, 6:30 p.m., Clubroom
- 14—"Art and About" painting fundraiser, 2:45 p.m., Dance Hall
- 15—**Father's Day Breakfast**, 8:00 a.m. Bar Committee meeting follows
- 21—**Juhannus**
- 25—Board meeting, 6:00 p.m., no visitors

July

- 5—Variety Talent Show, 7:00 p.m., Dance Hall

August

- 1–3—Children's Weekend
- 8–10—Finn Fest

Clubroom summer hours: Wed., Fri., Sat., 7:00 p.m. to closing
Sauna summer hours: Wed., Sat., Sun., 3:00–9:00 p.m.

“Art and About” Fundraiser

An “Art and About” painting fundraiser will be held Saturday, June 14, at 3:00 p.m. in the Dance Hall. We will be painting a custom variation of the picture below. The cost is \$30 per person, which includes all fees for painting and a donation for the fundraiser. Please arrive by 2:45 to start painting by 3:00. Please bring an appetizer to pass. A cash bar will be open. Spots are limited. R.S.V.P. to Kayla at 810-287-3227 by Wednesday, June 11.—Sponsored by the Future Planning Committee



Father’s Day Breakfast

The Bar Committee is sponsoring a Father’s Day Breakfast at the *Kentti* on Sunday, June 15, from 8:00 a.m. to noon.. (The committee will meet after the breakfast.) The raffle prize will be a floating lounge (below) that comfortably seats four adults. This premium lounge, by Intex Oasis Island, is made of 20-gauge vinyl for toughness and durability, has a PVC mesh floor that allows some water in for cooling, three valves for faster inflation, an anchor bag that can be filled with sand or some other weight, a ladder, grab ropes on the sides and four cup holders. The total dimensions are 111" × 103" × 25". Raffle tickets are \$1 each or six for \$5. Tickets will be available during bar hours.



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.

Juhannus

Our annual Juhannus celebration will be held on Saturday, June 21. We will be building on the success of last year's horseshoe tournament that included youth as well as adults. If you might be interested in helping organize this event, please call Dick Pye (see below). Dancing to traditional Finnish music will begin at 6:30 p.m. in the Dance Hall. The *kokko* (bonfire) will be lit at 10:00 p.m. The kitchen will be open Saturday from noon to 9:00 p.m. and on Sunday from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Sign-up sheets for kitchen work hours are at the beach. Juhannus buttons for grounds admission are \$5 for adults; children 18 and under are free. We will also have a 50/50 and a raffle: tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5. Raffle prizes are first prize, a 26-inch Panama Jack Comfort Cruise Bike (value \$165), second prize, a Tiki Torch Package (\$50 value) and third prize, a Canopy Folding Chair (\$40 value). The drawing will be June 21 at 8:00 p.m. in the Dance Hall. You need not be present to win. All proceeds go to the Juhannus Committee. Raffle tickets are now on sale in the Clubroom, or see Mary Barie. Many hours of work are needed to make this event a success. Contact Dick Pye (248-926-6219) to schedule Juhannus work hours other than kitchen hours.



Fox in her den near George Aho ball field. *Photo by Jeff Pye.*

New Caretakers and Beach Managers

New Finn Camp caretakers Karl Aro and Paul Salo begin June 1. The 2014 beach managers are Gavin Wing, Dave Shaw and Steve Maki.

Swim Instructor Needed

The Recreation Committee is still seeking a swim instructor. If interested, contact Sally Evans at Sallyjsevens@gmail.com or 248-767-4472.

New Member Profile: Michael A. Koski

Even as Mike Koski was joining the Finn Camp, in April, he was already offering to barter his own greenhouse facilities for gardening expertise from other Finn Campers. So although he's the first of his family to become a member, he's known of

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. \$8,000 cash, \$10,000 rent-to-own or \$2,000 down with \$2,000 per for 4 years. For a tour or more information, call Crystal: 248-421-3975.

Camp 137, West Side

\$1,600 or best offer

Call Chris Aho:

248-804-2886

Please: No calls from
nonmembers



Finn Camp from his youth and is ready to join in. He has long experience with coops, going back to helping to found a student housing coop at Wayne State in the late 1960s. His other affiliations are League Life Insurance, Co-op Optical, the Ferndale Co-op Credit Union and the ITU Mailers Union. Mike doesn't own a camp yet but is interested in the idea, even though he lives just up Wixom Road from the D.F.C.S.C.A. Mike mentioned that he thought the Finn Camp experience would be richer if the sauna could be open more often. (See full summer schedule on page 1.) Please join us in welcoming Mike to membership in the Association.

Sewing 101

Sewing is not a talent or gift that has been given to only a few; it is an easy craft skill that can be learned and developed with the proper instructions and guidance. In a new, free, introduction to sewing class we will go over basic machine sewing skills and work on simple projects.

The class will be held Saturday, June 7, from 10:00 a.m. to noon. Meet in the Dance Hall. This event is for ages eight years old and up. No experience is necessary, just a willingness to learn. Please bring a sewing machine (in good working order) and your imagination. If anyone has a sewing machine they could loan or donate we would be greatly appreciative. Contact Lori Aro with any questions, 248-321-6828.

More Lore: Finn Roads

"Two phenomena become apparent: first, that inadequate funding has forced road maintenance to make compromises regarding surface maintenance, meaning road surfaces are deteriorating. Second, people have been driving on wet, thawed road surfaces all winter this year, and that kills the pavement." "Our summer programme will restore the condition of the pavement on the main roads." "At the current funding level, the condition of road surfaces will weaken

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. All you have to do is provide 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: \$5 each; Pulla: \$4 per loaf
Call Sherry Kurin to place order:
248-535-6022

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substantially in the coming years.” No, not from your local newspaper. These pothole complaints describe spring road conditions in the sections of Finland’s Northern Karelia known as North and South Savo, as reported in the *Finnish American Reporter*. And these are only the *public* roads: we can only imagine the condition of any comparable to those in our own camp country.

Second Annual Sing-along



The second annual Memorial Day Weekend sing-along was held at Leppi’s Landing on Loon Lake on Sunday evening, May 25. The musicians participating were John Solocinski, Steve Niemi, Dennis Burck, Denny Sennhenn and Dan Linick.

Beverly Jokinen Graphic Artist

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You Can Help

What have we been missing—for instance, information about new family members and new members. 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 in a brief phone interview?

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.

Email the Newsletter Committee at:

newsletter_editor@finncamp.org.

Or mail to D.F.C.S.C.A., 2524 Loon Lake Rd., Wixom, MI 48393.

Or approach someone on the committee (see last page).

BOARD NOTES AND REMINDERS

Please join the board in welcoming to membership Michelle Ebel.

Please do not add anything to the *kokko* pile at Sun Lake. The City of Wixom Fire Department needs to approve the size of the fire pile, and nothing should be added to it.

For members who have suggestions, comments or board-related business, please send an email to board@finncamp.org. You may also contact any of the Works Administrators at this email address.

Smokers are advised to stand at least 20 feet outside the entrances of the sauna building, Clubroom and other facilities like the bath houses, in keeping with state law.

Dumpsters are for members' use only! Do not put in large or long items that may wedge or jam the dumpster when it is being tipped into the truck. No major dumping on festival weekends. No overfilling. And *no furniture, appliances, propane tanks, wood, construction materials or other large items are to be left in, by or around the dumpster*. Large items can be placed at the roadside near the tractor garage on *Tuesdays* for Wednesday pickup.

Association or camp construction materials can be placed in the dumpster by the pole barn.

BOARD AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Board of Directors

Sunday, June 8, 10:00 a.m., Boardroom, visitors at noon.
Camp inspections follow.

Sunday, June 25, 6:00 p.m., no visitors.

Future Planning Committee

Thursday, June 5, 7:30 p.m., Boardroom

Sisu Sisters

Tuesday, June 10, 6:30 p.m., Clubroom.

Bar Committee

Sunday, June 15, after the Father's Day Breakfast; Clubroom.

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