



Total lunar eclipse on October 8: early morning over Loon Lake.

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 Pye (248-926-6219).

Fall Talkoo November 2

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 2, starting at 10:00 a.m. at the *Kenttä*. (Remember that Daylight Saving Time ends today, so set your clocks back one hour). Remember to sign in at the Clubroom upon arrival.

Annual Harvest Dinner November 8

The Bar Committee-sponsored potluck Harvest Dinner will be held on Saturday, November 8, from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m. in the Clubroom. The committee will provide the turkeys, mashed potatoes and stuffing. Please bring your favorite side dish or dessert to pass.

CALENDAR

November

- 2—**Annual Fall Talkoo**, 10:00 a.m., *Kenttä*
- 6—Future Planning Committee, 7:30 p.m., Boardroom
- 8—**Annual Harvest Dinner**, 3:00–6:00 p.m., Clubroom
- 9—Board meeting, 10 a.m., visitors at noon
- 9—Forest Management Committee, 10:00 a.m., pole barn
- 11—Sisu Sisters, 6:30 p.m., Clubroom. Next meeting: March 10

December

- 4—Future Planning Committee, 7:30 p.m., Boardroom
- 7—**Pikku Joul**, "Little Christmas." Children's Christmas Party, 1:00–5:00 p.m., Clubroom. **Christmas card deadline**
- 13—**Adult Christmas Party**, 8:00 p.m., Clubroom
- 14—Forest Management Committee, 10:00 a.m., pole barn
- 31—**New Year's Eve Party**, 9:00 p.m., Clubroom

Association Christmas Card

An association Christmas card will again this year be mailed to all members. You can add your name(s) to this card for \$5 per entry. Print your entry as you would like it to appear on the card. (For example, Mr. & Mrs. S. Urho; Joe, Betty, Fred, Carol & Sam S. Isu.) The deadline is December 7 at *Pikku Joulu*. Mail your request with a check in the appropriate amount made out payable to: DFCSCA, 2524 Loon Lake Rd., Wixom, MI 48393. Please write “Christmas card” on the lower left corner of your envelope. Anyone who might like to may submit a drawing of something appropriate for the front of the card. It must be camera-ready, in black and white. Any Finn Camp–associated scene shown decorated for the holidays would be suitable. Use the same deadline and address as above. Thanks to all participants.—Karen Pype

Pikku Joulu, “Little Christmas”

The annual Children’s Christmas celebration will be Sunday, December 7, from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. in the Clubroom. Bring a dish to pass for the potluck lunch, and enjoy traditional *riisi puuro* (rice pudding). New members are asked to bring an unbreakable ornament, labeled with your name(s) and “2014,” to hang on the tree and add to our collection (one per family, please). Join the kids in a sing-along of our favorite holiday carols as we anxiously await a visit from Santa! Practices will be held in the Clubroom during November for the children to rehearse their songs and a play for *Pikku Joulu*. For further information, contact Angie Wendolowski at 248-513-0788 or mawendolowski@att.net. For your child to participate in Santa’s gift bag, bring a wrapped gift with your child’s name, to be put under the tree. Please limit the cost of your gift to \$10–\$15. For further information or to earn some hours in setup or cleanup, contact Robyn Jokinen at 810-287-4591 or by email at rbjokinen@gmail.com.

—Sponsored by the Recreation Committee

You’re Invited! Holiday Extravaganza!

Back by popular demand the week before Thanksgiving:

November 19, Wednesday, 5:00 p.m.– 9:00 p.m.

November 20, Thursday, 5:00 p.m. –8:00 p.m.

In the Clubroom.

Arts, crafts, holiday gifts and treasures—this is more than just a craft show. Do your Christmas shopping early this year!

Our artists will be offering unique *handmade* items.

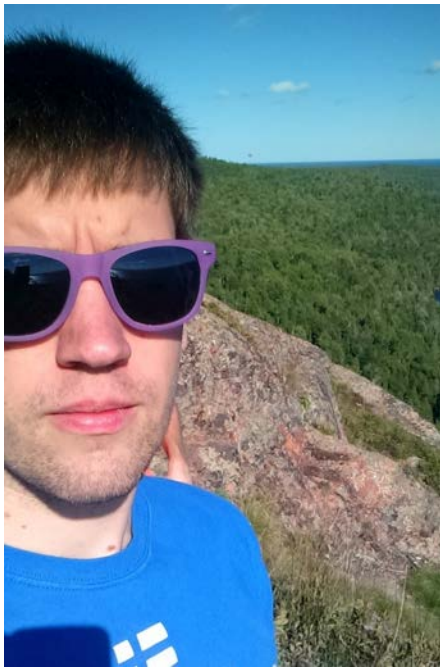
Home décor, arrangements, wreaths, wearable art, including beautiful jewelry.



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 Store@finncamp.org.

You will find many beautifully crafted holiday gift items, wonderful edibles and one-of-a-kind treasures to fit every budget!

The Scholarship Program: Kyle Barie



In November 2012 we introduced here scholarship winner Kyle Barie, who has now been granted a second scholarship. Here's what he's been doing since the original report.

"I am in my fifth year of study at Michigan Technological University working toward a bachelor's degree in Mechanical Engineering, with a minor in manufacturing. While at school, I spend most of my time attending classes, doing homework or working at one of my two jobs: crew at JJ's Wok N' Grill and crew at Michigan Tech's Campus Café. I spend what little spare time I have hanging out with friends, exploring the many interesting areas in the Keweenaw Peninsula and in the winter going to Mount Ripley and snowboarding.

"Currently, I am working for Tyco Fire Protection Products in Marinette, Wis., in a Cooperative Education program. I work on real life problems in industry, and earn credits to use toward my degree. Tyco manufactures fire suppression products such as Sentry home fire extinguishers and other industrial fire-suppression equipment. I spend most of my time at Tyco working to implement a new \$2.8 million media blast and powder paint system. Many items, tools and procedures I have developed will be used by Tyco employees for years to come.

"I will be working with Tyco through December, then go back to school in Houghton and finish up the three semesters I have remaining, hopefully graduating in the spring of 2016."

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More Lore: “Autumn in Finland”

“Autumn begins around the last week of August in northern Finland and about one month later in southwestern Finland. The growing season ends in autumn when the mean daily temperature drops below 5°C (41°F). This occurs around the last week of September in northern Finland and in late October or early November in southwestern Finland. Thus the average length of the growing season is 180 days in the southwestern archipelago, 140 days to 175 days elsewhere in southern and central Finland and 100 to 140 days in Lapland. The first snow falls in northern Finland in September and elsewhere in October.”

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Member Spotlight: Arnold (Arnie) Soderholm



Arnold (Arnie) Soderholm has been a member of the Finn Camp for decades and has a camp on the west side. Arnie recalls coming out to the camp with his father Arnold Soderholm, Sr., from their home in Detroit in a Ford Model A when he was three or four years old. (Arnie was born the year Finn Camp was founded, 1925.) After Arnold, Sr., moved back to Finland, Arnie’s mother, Aune, married Charles Lind. Arnie married Joyce Reynolds in 1964. Joyce passed away in 2009. Arnie and Joyce have a son, Eric. Joyce’s mother’s parents, Jack and Ilmi (Pentilla) Reynolds, were members also.

Arnie is a World War II veteran, having served in the Navy from 1943 to 1946. He served as part of an armed guard that sailed on merchant ships that traveled to many ports in the Atlantic, Pacific and Indian oceans, including the Persian Gulf and Japan. Arnie worked in many professions during his career, including as a storekeeper, roofer, short-order cook, bartender, folk singer and guitar player.

Arnie was a member of the Loon Lake Players and entertained at many of their functions. He also used to entertain at the Saturday and Sunday sing-alongs in the Clubroom. Elaine Jacobson played the piano with him on

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many occasions. Arnie has performed at Finn Fests since the very first one, as an MC, singer and guitar player. Arnie currently plays a Martin steel string acoustic guitar. Arnie recalls that one year when he was Forest Management chairperson they tapped the maple trees in camp country and collected the sap. Sam Dernberger boiled down the sap and made syrup, which was then served with pancakes at children's weekend. Arnie used to cook at dinner theater functions and enjoys cooking now at his home in Dearborn.

Semiannual Membership Meeting

The fall semiannual membership meeting was held on Sunday, October 26, with a quorum of 47, almost twice that required. The group welcomed new members Patrick Beaudoin, Michelle Ebel, Joleah Lombardo, the Bradley O'Neill family and Crystal Soli. A moment of silence was held for deceased member Elaine Jacobson (see mention of her also in previous article).

The various committees highlighted significant work that had occurred since the April annual meeting. The caretaker's farmhouse has been practically totally renovated and is now ready for occupancy by new caretakers Karl Aro and Paul Soli, who succeeded Gavin and Ginger Wing in June.

After a storm brought down an ancient tree onto one corner of the westside bathhouse, the damage was quickly repaired.

Then a local tree service was brought in to do heavy trimming that likely prevented other damage around the grounds when further storms blew through. Weed control in Loon Lake, a full redoing of the women's sauna area—enabled by a \$512 grant raised by the Sisu Sisters—and other improvements were reported by Larry Gooden for the Works Administrators. Various committees contributed not only their programs but also something to the Association's coffers. The Bar Committee, followed by Finn Fest, was the most notable donor, but others included Future Planning (more than \$1,000 toward a new generator), the Friday night grill (almost \$1,500 to the organization) and Juhannus and the Cultural Program. The Association's investment program, with a six-month total return of 6.9%, outdid two of the three major Wall Street indexes.

The needs are also great, however. The summer kitchen needs a new refrigerator, and one new mower and a replacement emergency generator were discussed under new business and will be procured in due course after member approval.

On the personnel front, Cindy Maddick will serve as camp rental agent beginning next summer, Linda Gooden will be Winterfest chair, Kemmy Parisi will assist Sue Slaughter with the next fishing derby and Dick Pype committed to directing another year of the children's play.

You Can Help

What have we been missing—for instance, information about new family members and new members?

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

The board is currently accepting bids for the Association's log splitter. Any member interested in purchasing the splitter must submit their bid by February 1, 2015.

Members with suggestions, comments or board-related business are asked to e-mail board@finncamp.org. Those looking to add to their work hours should email the Works Administrators at work@finncamp.org.

All members: No picture taking or video filming in the sauna or dressing areas, indoor and outdoor.

Smokers are advised to stand at least 20 feet away from all the entrances of the sauna building, Clubroom and all other facilities, in keeping with state law.

BOARD AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Board of Directors

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

Future Planning Committee

Thursday, November 6, 7:30 p.m., Boardroom

Forest Management Committee

Sunday, November 9, 10:00 a.m., meet at pole barn

Sisu Sisters

November 11, 6:30 p.m., Clubroom. Next meeting: March 10

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