DETROIT FINNISH COOPERATIVE SUMMER CAMP ASSOCIATION

FINN CAMP NEWSLETTER

JULY 2015



Fishing Derby coordinator Kemmy Parisi reports that the event's entrants caught more than 300 fish on June 28.

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 248-926-6219.

TACO WEDNESDAYS



Back by popular demand: Taco Wednesdays, sponsored by the Future Planning Committee. It is \$5 a plate, which includes your choice of three hard tacos, soft tacos, or nachos (or mix and match). This year we are also selling beverages (soda/water) as well. Join us from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. in the *Kenttä*. And don't forget to put in your work hours this year by helping out with Taco Wednesdays!

Annual Children's Play

It's time to start practicing for this year's children's play, to be performed August 8. If you or your children are interested in participating, please send an email or text to Mattie O'Brien at obrien1988@gmail.com, cell phone 734-646-3379, or via Facebook at https://www.facebook.com/mattie.obrien if you are active on it. I would like to be able to contact parents and youth

CALENDAR

July

- 2—Future Planning meeting, 7:30 p.m., Boardroom
- 5—Future Planning sponsored breakfast, 8:00–11:00 a.m.
- 5—Board meeting, 7:00 p.m., no visitors
- 15—Newsletter items due
- 18—Spaghetti Dinner bar fundraiser, 5:00 p.m.
- 19—Board-sponsored breakfast, 8:00–11:00 a.m.
- 26—Board meeting, 10:00 a.m., visitors at noon

August

- 6—Future Planning meeting, 7:30 p.m., Boardroom
- 7-9: Children's Weekend
- 14-16: Finn Fest
- 22—Sisu Sisters Breakfast, and Flotilla, 1:00–5:00 p.m.
- 22—Yooper bus trip, Comerica Park, Detroit Tigers game

Other:

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

through multiple means for practice times and places. Tech and backstage help is needed! If you are interested in earning some work hours by helping with the play, please contact me. In the past 10 years or so, I have primarily worked backstage for practices and the night of the play, but this year I will need some helpful hands to step up. Most urgently, we will need at least one adult or older teen to learn the play and help young children get on and off stage at the right times, work with any costume malfunctions, and help the actors keep calm backstage. We may also need a bit of stage prop help. If your children are too young for the play or have outgrown it, or you are a teen member needing hours, please consider doing this really valuable job. Most parents of the actors like to actually watch the play, so it's a great kindness to us all to help out this way.

Parents and helpers, please send me your names, phone numbers, and email or contact me on Facebook. Please include the names and ages of your children who will be participating. Thanks very much.—Mattie O'Brien

Memorial Garden Growing



The prep work on the Memorial Garden, on the rise outside the Clubroom, has been completed. Please bring your plant donations July 1 or 11 to be planted. I will be there to assist between 6:00 and 8:00 p.m. on July 1 and between 10:00 a.m. and noon July 11. Please: neither bushes nor trees, only perennials.

The Finn Camp T-shirt Summer Quilt (*above*) will be on display at the beach in July. Tickets are \$2 each or three for \$5. Contact me at 248-321-6828 for details. The quilt will be raffled during Finn Fest weekend. All proceeds will go to the Memorial Garden beautification.—Lori Aro

Swim Class Registration

Registration will be July 6, 7, and 8 from 12:00 to 2:00 p.m. at the lake. The prices are the same as last year: members \$30 (one child), \$50 (two children), \$65 (three), \$75 (four); Lessons will be given July 13–August 6, Monday through Thursday, with the swim meet at 1:00 p.m. on August 8. The class times will be determined by registration and level. The swim instructors are Dustin Evans, continuing from last year, supported by Nathan and Jesse Evans. Contact Sally Evans for more info, at 249-669-0934.

Camps for Sale

Nyt on oikea aika ostaa leirl. Now is the time to buy a camp.



Camp 103, West Side Charming cottage-style cabin with high-end materials: real stucco exterior, terra-cotta tile, Old World textured walls and ceiling. Undercabin storage conceals yard tools, larger patio items. Fully decorated and furnished: ceiling fan, vinyl windows, bedside sconces, trundle bed (sleeps 4), all patio furnishings, gas grill, mini-fridge, micro-wave, 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: 310-990-8509.

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All You Can Eat

Come enjoy a spaghetti dinner on Saturday, July 18, from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. Adults \$7, children 12 and under \$4. This is a fundraiser for the new bar, sponsored by the Bar Committee.

39th Annual FINN FEST—August 14, 15, 16

Preparations are under way for the annual festival, and WE NEED YOUR HELP! The festivities will begin around 5:00 p.m. on Friday evening and will continue throughout the weekend with plenty of food and beverages, music and entertainment, raffles, horseshoes, and, of course, softball games!

This—the major fundraising event of the year—REQUIRES member participation! It is the perfect time to get in some work hours and support the Finn Camp! Workers are needed in all areas throughout the weekend. Remember, every hour counts, no matter the size of the task! Get together with family and friends and work together in the kitchen or under the tent. We NEED you! Please give at least a couple hours of your time and pitch in to help make the festival a success! *The work hours sign-up sheets will be posted at the beach by July 1*.

For further information or if you have questions or suggestions, there will be a meeting on Wednesday, July 16, at 7:00 p.m. at the beach to discuss new ideas, especially for kids' activities and games. Or feel free to contact Robyn Jokinen, Finn Fest Chairman, by email at rbjokinen@gmail.com or by cell phone at 810-287-4591.

Sisu Sisters Gourmet Raffle Dinner, Breakfast and Flotilla

The Sisu Sisters are offering you a chance to win an elegant Gourmet Raffle Dinner for eight—tickets on sale now! Dinner at the Covered Bridge? At Loon Lake? At the Sun Lake beach? A seven-course meal won by one lucky Finn Camper will include happy hour, an appetizer, soup, salad, an intermezzo, the main entrée, chocolate strawberries, dessert and coffee! The drawing will be held Saturday, August 22, during our first-ever Sisu Sisters Gourmet Breakfast and Flotilla. Tickets are \$5 each or five for \$20. You need not be present to win, and you have one year to redeem your prize. See the flyers around camp country for more info. Proceeds are to benefit the DFCSCA butterfly garden, for *Ravintola* screen replacement and other great garden projects. Mark your calendars for our Gourmet Breakfast full of epicurean delights and a sun-filled Flotilla Day at the beach where we latch together our rafts for fun, food and fellowship!

Fishing Derby Results

The annual fishing derby, postponed on account of rain from its original date of June 14, was held June 28. Shelly Mazurek won the 50/50 raffle. Carol Melançon won the firepit raffle. (See the derby winners on the next page.) Thanks to everyone who participated and volunteered.—Kemmy Parisi

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For Sale

House in Finn Camp neighborhood: 2015 Fairfield Ave., Wixom. This single-family home has 3 bedrooms, 1 bath, city water and sewer. Call Dan Latimer: 248-924-4109



Below are this year's fishing derby winners. Pictured are (*left to right*): Andrew Creech (Boys with Most Fish, 20), Leah Paukovits (Adults with Biggest Fish, 13-in. bass), Kamryn Mielke (*foreground*, Girls with Most Fish, 17), Katlyn Mielke (Girls with Biggest Fish, 12.5-in. bass). *Not shown:* Cameron Zaia (youngest fisherperson, 3).



Juhannus 2015

Once again, Juhannus was a great event. The weather cooperated, and a good time was had by all.

I would like to thank Mike Honka for once more being our *Kokko* Master. The fire was great, and it lit immediately, even after all the rain.

Thanks also to John Mazurek, for organizing the horseshoe tournament. Everyone seemed to be having a good time. The winners were Roger Karsama and Keith Maddick (*below*).

Sherry's Sweet and Savory Pasties

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Thanks to Mary Barie for organizing the raffle. Martin Boatman won the grill, and Ray Malila won the other two prizes.

A very special thanks to those of you who signed up or called to see how you could help. And who really understand the meaning of the word "cooperative"!—Dick Pype

Father's Day Breakfast Raffle Winners

The winners of the June 28 Bar-Committee-sponsored event were first prize, a putter, Gary Delavan; second, drink tickets, Bomber; and third, a sauna card, Jason Evans.

New Member Profile: Sara Baer



The Finn Camp welcomes new member Sara Baer. Sara lives in Farmington Hills with her husband, Kevin, and daughter, Faith. Sara grew up in the metro Detroit area and is employed at Regus, which



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provides flexible office solutions, as an area director. Sara studied at Wayne State University and has a bachelor's degree in criminal justice. Sara enjoys family activities, including going to the beach, seeing movies and spending time together. She also enjoys running and reading. Sara's brother is member Ralph Heikkinen and her uncle is member Mike Torvinen. Sara and her family have a dog named Fluffy. They just bought a camp, on the west side.

BOARD NOTES AND REMINDERS

The board is accepting bids for the old generator—a Homelite 4,800-watt unit—located at the Clubroom. Bids are due August 1. The generator is pictured at the right.

The popular Friday Night Grill has been run till now by Jim Santti and Dick Pype, but this is their last year with the grill. We are looking for someone to step up and continue this great Friday night tradition that so many have come to enjoy. Please contact Jim or Dick if interested.

Electrician needed—There is some electrical work the board is seeking help with. Please contact one of the Works Administrators if you have electrical skills. This is a great way to work off your work hours!

The Camp Rental Agent is Cindi Maddick. Please contact Cindi at 248-303-7337 if you are renting out or loaning your camp to a nonmember. Nonmembers whose stays exceed three consecutive days and two consecutive nights in a 30-day period without a member present or exceed 10 days and 9 nights in a 30-day period with a member present must pay a rental fee of \$50 per week.

The Camp Social Director is Joni Sennhenn. Please contact her at 248-882-4626 if you would like to make a reservation for the beach and sauna area, the *Kenttä*, or the Dance Hall or Clubroom.

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. General questions may be answered by visiting www.finncamp.org.

BOARD AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Board of Directors

Wednesday, July 5, 7:00 p.m., no visitors Sunday, July 26, 10:00 a.m., visitors at noon

Future Planning Committee

Thursday, July 2, 7:30 p.m., Boardroom

Editor's Note: The results of the June 7 Men's Spring Golf Scramble could not be obtained by press time. If and when this information becomes available, we will post it online.

Old Generator



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