



Wintertime at Sun 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 Joni Sennhenn at 248-882-4626.

Winterfest 2016

Mark your calendars. Winterfest will be held Saturday, February 6, 2016. The day will start with polar dipping and ice fishing from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. at Sun Lake and a Chili Cook-off beginning at 6:00 p.m., followed by dancing. If you would like to get an early start on your work hours please contact Linda Gooden (that's at gooden_71@ Hotmail.com) to sign up to help. I am looking for a button maker, raffle and 50/50 ticket sellers, chili judges, helpers at the beach and Clubroom and a sauna master from 1:00 to 3:00. I would also greatly appreciate any donations of raffle prizes. —Linda Gooden

Forest Management Committee Hits the Big Time

Recently, the Forest Management committee fielded the biggest, most intergenerational—and the most productive—work team in a good long time. Shown below are only a few of those listed here: Mike Honka; crew chief; Pat Beaudoin, Kris Benestad and friend, Jim Krzeszak (nonmember), Michele Foxworthy, Larry Gooden, Maxine Halperin, Charles Koskela, Erick

CALENDAR

January

- 10— Forest Management Committee, 10:00 a.m., meet at pole barn
- 17—Board meeting 10:00 a.m. , Boardroom. visitors at noon

February

- 6— **Winterfest**, 1:00 p.m.
- 14— Forest Management Committee, 10:00 a.m., meet at pole barn
- Board meeting: TBA

Other

Next Future Planning Committee meeting: March 3

Next Sisu Sisters meeting: March 9

St. Urho's Day: March 19

Clubroom hours: Fri., Sat., 7:00 p.m. to closing

Sauna hours: Wed., 6:00 p.m.–9:00 p.m. when volunteer available; Sat., 3:00–9:00 p.m.

All material for newsletters is due on the 15th of the previous month.



Leskinen, Neil Leskinen, Dan Linick, Kevin Mack, Keith Maddick, Bob O'Brien, Matt and Ethan Paukovits, Chris Rentola, Tim Santti, Denny Sennhenn and Jim Ziegler. Fortunately, there was extra equipment on hand to help move all that wood: two dump trucks, one combination forklift/frontloader, two frontloaders, one forklift and two log splitters. Special thanks go to Kris Benestad for supplying a frontloader/forklift and a dump truck, to Kevin Mack for a frontloader, Keith Maddick for a forklift, and Mike Honka for an extra log splitter.

More Lore: Good Sports

Since the 1970s, the Finnish government has been subsidizing gyms in even the smallest towns. According to Finnish sports scientist Hanna Vehmas in the November 2015 *Finnish American Reporter*, "There are an estimated 30,000 sports facilities in this country, which is more per capita than any other country in the world." Besides the \$700 million per year that cities spend to support sports facilities and clubs, part of the national lottery also goes toward that end.

Finnish employers spend an average of some \$225 annually—per employee—for such amenities as gym vouchers, workout facilities and saunas. These expenses toward their employees' well-being are tax deductible. The evidence is clear that healthy employees do better work, don't take as many sick days, stay fit and are more loyal to their companies. And the national health-care system benefits as well. The Finnish Ministry of Social Affairs and Health estimates that people who bike and walk regularly save the health care system as much as \$5.5 billion yearly. Half of the women and one-third of male Finns say they bike to work.

Jean Sibelius and *Finlandia*

To celebrate Jean Sibelius's 150th birthday, on December 8, 2015, people packed Senate Square in Helsinki to sing together his *Finlandia* symphonic poem, formally titled *Finlandia*, Op. 26. (The YouTube link is

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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CnePQgWDbh8> if you would like to see the group performance.) The first version, written in 1899, was a covert protest against increasing censorship from the Russian empire. Each of the seven pieces that make it up was performed as an accompaniment to a tableau depicting episodes from Finnish history. A recurrent joke within Finland at the time was the renaming of *Finlandia* at various musical concerts so as to avoid Russian censorship. The titles under which the piece masqueraded were numerous, a famously flippant example being “Happy Feelings” at the awakening of the Finnish spring.

Most of the piece is taken up with rousing, turbulent music, evoking the national struggle of the Finnish people. But toward the end, a calm comes over the orchestra, and the serenely melodic Finlandia hymn is heard. Often incorrectly cited as a traditional folk melody, the hymn section is of Sibelius’s own creation.

Although it was initially composed for orchestra, in 1900 Sibelius arranged the entire work for solo piano.

Sibelius later reworked the Finlandia hymn into a stand-alone piece. This hymn, with words written in 1941 by Veikko Antero Koskenniemi, is one of the most important national songs of Finland (though “Maamme” is the national anthem). With different words, it is also sung as a Christian hymn (“Be Still, My Soul”). [*Editors’ Note:* Thanks to Tina Santti for the information from which this article has been adapted. Her cousin Martti Järvinen in Finland, a website reader of this newsletter, was the original source for this link.]

From the Auditors

The Finn Camp Store, Recreation Committee and Sisu Sisters are required to turn in their financial records for the year to any one of the auditors (Greg Pelto, Mary Johnson, Ed Elkhill, Sam Dernberger), or give them to a board member to put on the Boardroom table. We need the inventory from the store and the financial records from both the Sisu Sisters and the Recreation Committee. Please supply your records by February 29. We will have them back to you as soon as we can. Please indicate how much money you have in cash. Thank you for your cooperation. —Sam Dernberger

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BOARD NOTES AND REMINDERS

The board is accepting bids on camp 121. All bids will be opened at the February board meeting.

There is to be no smoking in the outdoor sunrooms at the sauna building.

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 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 *Kenttö*, 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

Sunday, January 17, 10:00 a.m., Boardroom, visitors at noon

Forest Management Committee

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

Future Planning Committee

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Sisu Sisters

Next meeting: March 9

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