



Summer Camp is not just for summer. Ice fishing on 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 248-926-6219.

Clubroom News

The Clubroom will be closed on Fridays for February. We will resume Friday hours beginning March 3. The next Bar Committee meeting will be February 18, at 6:30 p.m.

Family Game Night

The Bar Committee is sponsoring the next Game Night on Saturday, February 18. The Clubroom opens at 7:00 p.m. and the euchre tournament will begin at 8:00 p.m. sharp. Please bring board and card games to share and a snack for the food table. The third game night of the year is scheduled for Saturday, March 25.

Winterfest

Winterfest 2017 will be held on Saturday, February 4, 2017. We will start the day off with the Polar Dip and ice fishing from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. at Sun Lake. The Chili Cook-off will begin at 6:00 p.m. in the Clubroom, with music from DJ Kerry to follow. Buttons will be \$6 per adult, \$4 per child or \$18 per member family with the sauna available at an additional charge. The sauna opens at 1:00 p.m. The Clubroom bar will be open at 4:00 p.m. The building will be open at 3:00 p.m. for chili drop-off.

CALENDAR

February

- 4—**Winterfest**
- 12—Forest Management Committee, meet at pole barn at 10:00 a.m.
- 18—Bar Committee meeting, 6:30 p.m.
- 18—**Family Game Night**, 7:00 p.m., Clubroom
- 19—Board Meeting, 10:00 a.m., visitors at noon

March

- 2—Future Planning Committee meeting, 7:30 p.m., Boardroom
- 11—**St. Urho's Day**, 8:00 p.m., Clubroom
- 12—Forest Management Committee, meet at pole barn at 10:00 a.m.
- 25—**Family Game Night**, 7:00 p.m., Clubroom
- 19—Board Meeting, 10:00 a.m., visitors at noon

Other

Clubroom: Open Saturdays, 7:00 p.m. to close. Clubroom closed Fridays until March 3.

Sauna Hours:

Wed., 6:00 p.m.—9:00 p.m.
Sat.—3:00 p.m.—9:00 p.m.

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

This event will not be a success without your chili entries!
 We are still looking for volunteers to help with button sales at the clubroom beginning at 4p.m. and kitchen help from 5-7 p.m.. Please contact Linda Gooden if you are able to assist gooden_71@hotmail.com.



St. Urho's Party

The 2017 St. Urho's party will be held on Saturday, March 11 in the Clubroom starting at 8:00 p.m. There is a \$6 cover. Come enjoy a DJ, prizes, raffles, fun, food and the crowning of the new king and queen. And don't forget to wear your purple and green, so you don't get fined! St. Pat's kin are very welcome too! Weather permitting, camp country may be open. —*The St. Urho's Committee*

Laskiainen

If you like the rush of sledding down a snowy slope, then visit Finland on 'Laskiainen'. This mid-winter 'sliding' festival is celebrated every February. It coincides with Shrove Tuesday or the first day of Lent. Because of the sacredness of Lent, some have assumed this association meant all men had to end their work before participating in the festivities. Legend says that in the 1930's farmers sought youngsters to slide down icy hills in winter to encourage spring crops to grow. The farther the children slid, the taller the crops would grow, or so the farmers believed. After a full day of sledding, the youngsters would be rewarded with steaming bowls of pea soup. The tradition of Laskiainen continues today in Finland as well as in Palo, Minnesota, the home of one of the longest continuously held Finnish-American festivals in the United States. Finnish residents of Palo take Laskiainen seriously. They compare it to a type of Finnish Mardi-Gras.

Camps for Sale

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An entire weekend of activities is planned. From a Laskiainen queen's coronation ball, to sliding down toboggan runs on a vipukelkka –a Finnish whip sled, to skiing competitions, to baking decadent laskiaispulla – a Finnish cardamom-spiced bun cut in half and filled with strawberry jam and lots of whipped cream. To the old, Laskiainen might conjure memories of their youth in Finland. To the young, they might gain a new appreciation of Finnish customs in the winter. Winter sledding, after all, invokes a little magic in all of us. Check out more information on Laskiainen at http://www.hibbingmn.com/opinion/columnists/laskiainen-the-flax-and-the-furious/article_21401b6e-c7c5-11e5-ad59-ab9ebb1ada4a.html - Naomi Petainen



Vipukelkka –a Finnish whip sled

Cultural Committee Update

This year, many events will take place throughout the United States in celebration of Finland's 100 years of independence. One of the most exciting projects is the Traveling Sauna Mascot that will travel more than 10,000 miles, from the West Coast to the East Coast, ending its yearlong journey in Washington D.C. Arrangements have been made for the Sauna to make a stop at this year's Finn Fest in August.

Finlandia Foundation National Performer of the Year, Pirjo Polari-Khan, is set to appear at the Finn Camp sometime this

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.) The deadline is the 15th of each month.

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year. Pirjo, a native of Seinäjoki, Finland, weaves themes of Finnish culture, history and richness of the language into her presentation. This event will be co-sponsored with the Recreation Committee and the Finnish American Cultural Corporation. Other plans in the making include a members-only event at the Glass Academy in Dearborn; return appearance of the Finnish American band, The Pasi Cats; and a special celebration of Finland's 100 years of independence in December. Details for each of the events will be in upcoming newsletters.

FinnFest USA 2017 will be held in Minneapolis, September 21-24 and not in Detroit. Unfortunately, commitments from donors did not materialize, resulting in the decision to delay bringing FinnFest USA to Detroit until 2019 or 2020.

– *Cultural Committee*



Ystävänpäivä American Valentine's Day often portrays a starry-eyed couple eating by candle-light and cuddling over champagne. Wouldn't it be nice to dine instead with a good friend or a group of friends? If you live in Finland, you're in luck. Valentine's Day, called 'Ystävänpäivä' or Friendship Day, is the second biggest card season of the year. Last February 14th almost 150 extra mail carriers delivered more than three million cards sent to friends throughout the country.

Started in the 1980's, the Finnish Red Cross was among the first to print 'Ystävänpäivä' cards. This more recent annual holiday is now widely commercialized. Both young and old join in bowling, sledding and skating festivities. Groups of friends gather over brunches and dinners and dole out cards, chocolates and even roses. In Finland, there's no reason for anyone to feel left-out on Valentine's Day. 'Ystävänpäivä'.

– *Naomi Petainen*

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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.

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 Peltó, Mary Johnson, Sam Dernberger), or give them to a board member to put on the Boardroom table. We need the inventory from the store and the cash records from both the Sisu Sisters and the Recreation Committee by February 28. The year's reports should be submitted no later than March 31. We will have them back to you as soon as we can. Thank you for your cooperation.

—*Sam Dernberger*

BOARD NOTES AND REMINDERS

The Board is now accepting applications for all paid positions, which include Bookkeeper, Caretaker, Beach Manager, Bar Manager and Assistant Bar Manager.

The Board is accepting sealed bids for **one** of the smoke eaters currently installed in the clubroom. Bids will be opened at the May Board meeting.

The board is accepting sealed bids on camp 76. Your bid can be mailed or dropped off at the Clubroom. Please write on the outside of the envelope "Sealed Bid Camp 76." All bids will be opened at the February board meeting.

If you have an address or phone number change, please email us at bookkeeper@finncamp.org.

The Finn Camp membership form can be found at www.finncamp.org at the top, right corner of page 1.

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*, 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, February 19, 10:00 a.m., visitors at noon

Forest Management Committee

Sunday, February 12, 10:00 a.m., pole barn

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Please visit the Finn Camp website at www.finncamp.org.

From the Finn Camp Archives

Finn Camp around 1942. Where some camps had canvas roofs, cars are big and Loon Lake road was dirt and gravel.

— Photographs courtesy of Harry Kansman.



Sven Kansman and Thelma Huutala on Loon Lake road, east side camps on left, around 1942.



Isaac Santti's Camp. Double canvas roof camp. 1941 Plymouth car.



Finn Camp's Sun Lake beach around 1942



Thelma Huutala (Edwards) and Hilda Kansman, westside camps about 1942.



Lorna Kilponen, Sven Kansman, Ann Oakman, and unidentified person at westside camps around 1942