

# FINN CAMP NEWSLETTER

#### **MAY 2017**



Sun Lake's mysterious floating island. Photo by Judy Dernberger.

#### 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 248-882-4626

## Spring Talkoo

Come out on Sunday, May 7, at 10:00 a.m. for the annual spring *talkoo* clean-up. Many workers are required to spruce up our grounds and ready our facilities for another great season. After the work is done *mojakka* will be served and saunas offered to all the workers. Be sure to register in the Clubroom to qualify for your free lunch and sauna.



#### **CALENDAR**

# May

- 4—Future Planning Committee meeting, 7:30 p.m., Boardroom
- 5—Cinco de Mayo Celebration, 6:00 p.m., Clubroom
- 7—Spring *Talkoo*, 10:00 a.m.
- 13 —Board Meeting, visitors at 3:00 p.m.
- 29—**Memorial Day flag raising**, Leppi's Landing, Loon Lake, Time TBD

#### June

- 3 —Board Meeting and Camp Inspection, 1:00 p.m., visitors at 1:00 p.m.
- 3—Sisu Sisters Barn and Bake Sale, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
- 4—Spring Scramble golf outing
- 8—Future Planning Committee meeting, 7:30 p.m., Boardroom
- 11—Fishing Derby
- 17—Juhannus
- 18—Annual Father's Day breakfast, 8:00 a.m.
- 21—Board Meeting, 6:00 p.m., no visitors

#### Other

August— 5, 6 Children's Weekend August— 11, 12, 13 Finn Fest August— 19 Yooper Day, Tigers vs Dodgers

**Clubroom:** Open Friday's and Saturdays, 7:00 p.m. to close.

## 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 15<sup>th</sup> of the previous month.

# **Summer Fridays**



1st Pitch of Voima Boys Softball Season

## Voima Boys Softball Team

The 2017 Over 35 Softball League season started on April 21 with the Voima Boys playing two games. (The full schedule is on the last page.) If any male Finn Camp members 35 and over are interested in joining the Voima Boys softball team please contact Bob O'Brien, 734-944-4401



The new St. Urho's King Jim Martin and Queen Kathleen Zuver Bretschneider

# **Memorial Day Flagraising**

The traditional Memorial Day flagraising will be held Monday, May 29, at Leppi's Landing on Loon Lake. The time will be confirmed later.

## **Camps for Sale**

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

Camp 99, west side



Everything in the camp goes with it. \$3,000, or best offer. For more information, call 248-941-9412.

# 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.

## **Annual Membership Meeting**

The 2017 Annual Membership meeting was held on April 23 in the Clubroom. Over fifty members were in attendance. Each committee chairperson presented information regarding their committee's activities. Many topics were discussed. It was announced Edwin Elkhill left a very generous donation to the Finn Camp. Bob O'Brien was elected President. Brad O'Neill was elected Vice President. Amber Martin will continue as camp Treasurer and Linda Gooden will continue as the board secretary. Eric Solin and Jeff Davis continue as works administrators will the new addition of Kevin Homola.

# Cinco de Mayo Celebration - Welcome Back Campers

The fun starts at 6:00 p.m. on Friday, May 5. The clubroom bar will be serving drink specials. Taco's will be provided instead of the Friday night grill. Come out and cheer on the Voima Boys softball team. This event is sponsored by the Bar Committee and the future Planning Committee. Join us to help kick off the 2017 camping season. See you there!

#### Sisu Sisters Barn and Bake Sale

The Sisu Sisters present a Barn and Bake Sale & Fairy Garden Class on Saturday June 3, 2017 from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. Call Denise at 248-640-0481 to reserve your table. \$15 for members; \$20 for non-members. Baked Goods will be available for purchase such as cookies, breads, brownies, homemade Pasties and Pies. Receive Free raffle tickets when you donate a baked good toward the Bake Sale. The Fairy Garden Class will be held from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the Ravintola. Jenni the Fairy Garden Lady will be hosting a fairy garden class. Build a beautiful garden for your fairies to frolic in. \$10.00 per person includes your class fee as well as the dirt and moss. Fairy garden decor items will be available for purchase to customize your planter. Bring your own planter. Pre-registration is required, Please contact Denise at 248-640-0481. Bring a container and a friend. Come experience the art of Fairy Garden making and shop for treasures at the Barn Sale! All proceeds to benefit our ongoing commitment to the Monarch Butterfly Garden area and many other special improvement projects at the Finn Camp. Sponsored by the Sisu Sisters

#### **Spring Scramble Golf Outing**

The annual men's spring classic golf outing is on Sunday, June 4, 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. Contact Dave Niemi for more details. finncamper@comcast.net

# **Affinity Promotions**

Do you have an upcoming family reunion that you need t-shirts or little gifts? Are you a business that has a trade show coming up and you need booth giveaways or a unique item to hand out to prospective clients? We can help with all of the above and more. Give me a call at 248-640-0481 or visit my website and let me help you with your marketing needs. Denise Niemasz

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JUNE 11, 2017

## **Annual Fishing Derby**

Sunday, June 11, could be your lucky day at our annual fishing derby at Sun Lake. (This event is for members and their guests only; guests are responsible for any non-derby beach fees.) Registration (\$5) starts at 9:00 a.m. The fishing begins at 10:00 a.m. and lunch is around 12:00 noon. Fish for hours, enjoy a freshly cooked fish-and-chip lunch and maybe even win a great prize! Please bring a dish to pass. Contact Kemmy Shaheen to schedule work hours. Look for more details in the June newsletter.



#### Vappu

Spring reminds me of crisp morning walks on grass and sunshine on my face. Finns bring in spring with their own festival. *Vappu*, related to the American May Day, is celebrated on the first day of May. Festivities begin by wearing a graduation cap, either white or black. Younger university grads can be seen dressed in colorful overalls paired with their caps. Older Finns wear their caps as badge of honor. Students often champagne-spray a renowned statue and place a giant graduation cap on it. Locals sip a drink on their porch because, why not, the long winter snow has melted and it's warmer outside. Others deep-fry Munkkis, Finnish donuts, and

# **Lakes Area Bait Shop**

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## **Cords of Firewood for Sale**

\$55 for members, \$65 nonmembers. Delivery extra. For security reasons contact Mike Honka at 248-860-5109 to schedule loading and pick up. Please do not help yourself to the firewood. cook Sima, a fermented Finnish drink made especially for this occasion. If you're in the mood to celebrate *Vappu*, try this Sima recipe in the link below. Hyvää

Vappua! <a href="http://www.kontikifinland.com/blog/2014/04/29/504/">http://www.kontikifinland.com/blog/2014/04/29/504/</a>
--Naomi Petainen

#### Juhannus

Our annual Juhannus celebration will be held on Saturday, June 17th. Bring the family out early for games, dancing, food and prizes! Fun for all ages! Second annual boot toss competition with a one-of-a-kind trophy for furthest throw! Horseshoes, cornhole, & mölkky (a traditional Finnish game)! The kitchen will be open Saturday from 3:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. The kokko (bonfire) will be lit at 10:00 p.m. Many work hours are required to make this event a success. Contact Amber Martin at 248-770-9994 to donate prizes or schedule work hours. More information to follow in the June newsletter.

#### **Recreation Committee News**

We are always looking for fresh ideas and coordinators and workers for events and activities. The events provide an opportunity for parents to meet the other parents and for kids to get to know one another. In June, the Recreation Committee sponsors our annual Fishing Derby. This is typically scheduled to coincide with Michigan's free-fishing weekend which is the 2<sup>nd</sup> weekend in June. Families come out to enjoy a morning of fishing followed by a fresh fish fry and prizes. Volunteers are always needed to organize the derby, solicit donations for prizes and also to clean, prep and cook the fish! The first weekend in August is Children's Weekend. Saturday is our Swim Meet where the children who participated in the swimming lessons get to showcase their swimming skills. That evening the kids put on a play. We need members to volunteer to direct and help with practices, create scenery and help behind the scenes during the play with make-up, costumes and keeping the kids on track! Kitchen help after the play is needed to help the kids sell baked goods that they brought for an after-play treat. Sunday morning the Dad's serve up breakfast in the Ravintola followed by the kid's Track Meet. Members and volunteers (or are recruited) take one of the groups of kids around to each of the activities. More members are needed to monitor and manage at least a few of the activities. The warm months are also a great time to get outside with some extra activities. Kick-ball, putt-putt, and scavenger hunts to name a few. As stated above we're always on the look-out for fresh ideas and members to come on out, participate and get your work hours in. Spend some quality time with your kids and help create memories they'll have for a lifetime! There is also a children's Halloween party in October and a children's Christmas Party, Pikku Joulua, in December. There is much to do and we could sure use your help! To help please contact Kristen Tury, 248-854-1518, Robyn Jokinen, 810-287-4591 or Melissa Baker, 734-419-3501.



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.

#### Yooper Night at Comerica Park

Reserve your seats now for this year's Comerica Park's Yooper Day, Saturday, August 19, Tigers vs Los Angeles Dodgers at 4:05 p.m. The cost will be about \$56 per person and includes game ticket, round trip transportation from Finn Camp to Comerica Park, and a Tigers/Yooper hat. Please contact Carol Melancon at <a href="mailto:FinnCulture@yahoo.com">FinnCulture@yahoo.com</a> or 734.261.3889. Include your contact information (email, and/or phone) and the number of tickets you would like to reserve.

#### **BOARD NOTES AND REMINDERS**

Camp Inspections are scheduled for Saturday, June 3, 2017. Please check your Blue Book to make sure you are in compliance. All leaves must be cleared and removed. Camps must display their number on the road side of the camp. Areas must be clear of debris and liter. No ground fire pits. Outdoor lights can only be displayed on the front of your camp.

The Board would like to thank Patti Leppi and Chris Eilola for their time serving on the Board. They have both contributed so much time, energy and effort in making the Finn Camp a better place for all us to enjoy. Kiitos to you both.

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 May board meeting.

The Board is accepting sealed bids for the old wood chipper. All bids accepted will be opened at the August board meeting.

Please contact a Works Administrator if you would like to work on any of the following projects that were mentioned at the Annual Meeting:

Planting Trees
Building Bat Houses
New Camp Country Entrance Signs
Fence Extension near Sauna
Replacing Security Lights in Camp Country
Replacing the Bridge to Loon Lake Rd
Replacing the Ridge Cap on the Pole Barn
Repair Leaking Skylights at Sauna

#### **Trash Rules**

Dumpsters are for members use only! Do not put in large or long items that may wedge or jam the dumpster when being tipped into the truck. No major dumping on festival weekends. No overfilling. No furniture, propan e tanks, wood, construction materials or other large items are to be left in, by or around the dumpster. Large items can be placed at roadside near the tractor garage on Tuesdays for Wednesday pickup. Finn Camp or member construction materials can be placed in the dumpster by the pole barn.

The Beach Managers for the 2017 summer are Eric Holm and Eric's son Alex Holm. All other paid positons remain unchanged.

The camp reservation agent is Deidra Larsen. Please contact Deidra at 248-761-2425 if you are renting or loaning out your camp to a nonmember. Nonmembers whose stay exceeds three consecutive days and two consecutive nights in a 30 day period without a member present, or exceeds 10 days and 9 nights in a 30 day period with a member present must pay a rental fee of \$50 a week.

Parking can be an issue in Camp Country. Please be courteous to other members and have guests park in designated areas. On the west side guests can park down by the restrooms and on the east side guests can park at the club room and walk over.

Remember that animals must be on lease except in designated areas. See Blue Book rule 203.1.3

No open ground fires permitted.

At the sauna building do not park along side of the building adjacent to the outdoor men's changing area as this is a fire lane. In case of an incident an emergency vehicle will need to have access to this area.

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**

## **Future Planning Committee**

Thursday, May 4, 7:30 p.m. a.m. Boardroom

#### **Board of Directors**

Sunday, May 13, 3:00 p.m., visitors at 3:00 p.m.

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