



*Fishing Derby 2017*

## 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*

### Annual Children's Play

Finn Camp's fun summers include our annual Children's Play, sponsored by the Recreation Committee. The play will be performed on Saturday, August 5, on Children's Weekend. The first meeting and rehearsal for this year's Children's Play, Shakespeare's A Midsummer Night's Dream, will be on July 5, 6:30-7:30 PM Dancehall. All school age children interested in participating should come. The play is for all ages and there will be a short number for toddlers and preschoolers however practices for the youngest will not start July 24. Nonmember children taking swim lessons are welcome to participate, as the Children's Play is an important part of the entire Children's Weekend. If you will be visiting over Children's Weekend, you are also welcome. Individual families should contact Mattie O'Brien (see below) to discuss participation in both helping or acting. Rehearsal times are generally four times a week held around swim lessons and/or in the early evening. Final scheduling will be done with the participating families' input. Our entire community really

## CALENDAR

### July

- 6 —Future Planning Committee Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Boardroom
- 9 —Board Meeting, 10:00 a.m., visitors at 12:00 noon.
- 21— Pirjo Polari-Khan, 7:00 p.m.
- 22— Sisu Sisters Breakfast 9:00 to 12:00 noon  
Sisu Sisters Flotilla 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Sun Lake
- 26— Board Meeting, 6:00 p.m., no visitors

### August

- 5-6 - **Children's Weekend**
- 11-13 - **Finn Fest**
- 19 - Yoooper Day, Tigers vs Dodgers

**Friday Night Grill:** Open on game nights, 6:00 p.m.

**Clubroom:** Open Wednesday, Fridays 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.  
Sun - 3:00 p.m.— 9:00 p.m.

**All newsletter material is due on the 15<sup>th</sup> of the previous month.**

### TACO WEDNESDAYS



Taco Wednesday is every Wednesday in July leading up to Finn Fest at the Kennntta from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. For only \$5 a plate you may have a choice of hard, soft tacos, or nachos (mix & match)  
- Sponsored by the Future Planning Committee

enjoys this annual tradition and looks forward to it every year so please consider participating! In addition to our fabulous youth actors we will need adult or teen help with lights, staging, costumes, props, make-up and on the night of the performance back-stage supervision. Work hours can be given. Please contact Mattie O'Brien at obrien1988@gmail.com, 734-646-3379 or via Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/mattie.obrien> Please pass this information on to friends who may be participating in swim lessons. Let the show go on!

### **Annual FINN FEST—August 11, 12 and 13**

Preparations are under way for the annual festival, and we **NEED YOUR HELP!** The festivities will begin about 5:00 p.m. on Friday evening and will continue throughout the weekend with plenty of food and beverages, music, entertainment, raffles, horseshoes, games, kids' activities and of course the softball tournament! This is the major fundraising event of the year, and it **REQUIRES** member participation. This is the perfect time to get in some work hours and support Finn Camp. Workers are needed in all areas throughout the weekend, and 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 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 4.*** For more information or for any questions, suggestions or new ideas please contact Robyn Jokinen, Finn Fest Chairperson by email at rbjokinen@gmail.com or cell phone at 810-287-4591



### **Spring Scramble Golf Outing**

The annual men's spring classic golf outing was held on Sunday, June 4. First place foursome with the lowest score was Brian Nedrow, Casey Johnson, Brad Nedrow and Shawn Catto. Longest drive was won by Greg Pelto and closest to the pin was won by Bob Hahn. Thanks to Chairperson Dave Niemi for organizing this event.


**Finlandia Foundation National**  
Inspiring, celebrating and connecting the Finnish-American community since 1953.

**2016 PERFORMER OF THE YEAR**  
  
**PIRJO POLARI-KHAN**

**Friday, July 21 at 7:00 p.m.**  
**Finn Camp Dance Hall**

Children are the key audience for the Finlandia Foundation National Performer of the Year (POY), Pirjo Polari-Kahn of San Jose, California. Pirjo is an entertaining storyteller who shares her poetry, puppetry, song and humor with the young and young at heart. Pirjo, a native of Seinäjoki, Finland, weaves themes of Finnish culture, history and richness of the language into her presentation. She hopes to encourage Finnish and Finnish-American audiences of all ages toward greater interest in their heritage and culture. (Pirjo will also be performing at the Farmington Founders Festival on Saturday, July 22.) Co-sponsored by the Finn Camp Recreation & Cultural Committees and the Finnish American Cultural Corporation.

### **Voima Boys Softball**

Finn Camp's softball team the Voima Boys play on Friday evenings during the spring and summer in the Wixom over-35 recreational league. We welcome any Finn Camp members or friends to join the team, and encourage all members to come out to the Aho field on Fridays to cheer your team on and get a tasty dinner at the Friday Night Grill. Players interested in joining can contact Bob O'Brien at 734-994-4401.



*Young fisherman Donovan Rudzki learning to clean fish*

### **Fishing Derby Results**

The fishing derby was a huge success. The weather was beautiful and there were over two hundred fish caught. We had our best attendance ever. Thank you for the donations. We had a fantastic lunch. Landon Mielke was our youngest fisherman at 16 months old. Adrian Tury won most fish caught for boys with a total catch of fourteen. Kamryn Mielke won most fish caught for girls at forty-one fish. Cyrus Filemu won largest fish, a 17-1/2" bass. Heidi Yogus won the 50/50 raffle. Bobby meadows won the fire pit prize. A big thank you to all the workers at the Derby. You made it a great success. I could not have done it without you your help. Thank you for your support over the past three years I have been fishing derby chairperson. –

*Kemmy Shaheen*



*Cyrus Filemu catches a keeper.*

Kemmy, Thanks so much to managing a great fishing derby! Congratulations to Brad O'Neill, Ginger Wing and Shawn Aho for winning the Pick-A - Prize raffle.

– *Recreation Committee*

### **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.

### **Beverly Jokinen Graphic Artist**

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### **Need a Seamstress?**

Call Cindi Maddick for all your alterations, custom work and mending at

248-303-7337



## Recreation Committee News

Summer here we come! Look for sign-up sheets posted soon at Sun Lake for both participation and working the Wednesday night activities or working or managing at any of the events listed below. If you are interested in managing or working and cannot make to the Lake to sign up please let one of us know.

Kris Tury (248-854-1518; [kristenrae@hotmail.com](mailto:kristenrae@hotmail.com)), Robyn Jokinen (810-287-4591; [rbjokinen@gmail.com](mailto:rbjokinen@gmail.com)), and Melissa Baker (734-419-3501; [mlbaker@yahoo.com](mailto:mlbaker@yahoo.com))

### July 5

12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Swim lesson registration at Sun Lake.

6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Play practice at the dancehall

7:30 p.m. Kickball at the George Aho Field

### July 6

6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Play practice at the dancehall

July 10 – August 3 – Swimming lessons begin at Sun Lake

July 12 – Tie Dye at the Ravintola. Bring any item you wish to Tie Dye, shirt, shorts or towel

July 19 – Scavenger Hunt at the Ravintola. We will split up the participants into teams to search the grounds for listed items. The first team to return with all the items wins!

July 26 – Slip-n-Slide Kickball at the George Aho field

August 2 – Campfire at Leppi's Landing. For new members this area is located on the west side of Camp Country at the Loon Lake waterfront. Come out to roast marshmallows and enjoy a S'more and play various games

August 4 – Time to be determined, Children's play dress rehearsal and cast party

August 5-6 Children's Weekend

August 9 – Movie Night possibly at the Ravintola or the Dancehall depending on the weather. Movie to be determined.

August 12-13 – Finn Fest. The recreation committee sponsors a snack booth.

August – Canoe Trip. Details will be forthcoming

**Swimming Lessons** Sam Barrett will be out swim instructor again this year. Registration and testing for lessons will be held on Wednesday, July 5 from 12:00 noon to 3:00 p.m. Anyone who cannot make it on the 5th can be registered/assessed for class placement when lessons begin on July 10th. Rates are unchanged from last year:

### **Lakes Area Bait Shop**

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(south of Glengary Rd.)  
Ph.: 248-624-3333  
LakesAreaBaitShop@  
Yahoo.com  
Suppliers to the Finn Camp  
Fishing Derby

### **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.

### **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  
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visit my website and let me help  
you with your marketing needs.  
Denise Niemasz

[www.AffinityPromos.net](http://www.AffinityPromos.net)

Member Rates - \$30.00 for one child, \$50.00 for two children, \$65.00 for three children and \$75.00 for four children.

Non-Member Rates: \$75.00 for one child, \$130.00 for two children, \$180.00 for three children and \$200.00 for four children.

Please note that Non-Member's are responsible to pay for beach/sauna fees should they stay beyond the duration of the swimming lessons.

How this works. Parent will complete and sign the registration form and provide payment (cash or check only). . Sam will test the kid's current swim abilities (this means, please bring the kids their swimsuits) and place them into swim groups. He will then establish times for each group that will begin the following Monday. Lessons for each group will be at the same time Monday through Thursday with Fridays being reserved for a make-up day if earlier lessons were cancelled due to weather.

Sam will put together various relays and activities for each group to perform at the Swim Meet on Aug. 5th. Following the Meet, a greased-up watermelon is thrown into the lake for the kids to fetch and return to land and ribbons are handed out.

### Children's Weekend Schedule

August 5 - Kentta open for breakfast from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Swim meet is at 1:00 p.m. at Sun Lake. Kentta is open for dinner from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Children's play at 8:00 p.m. in the Dancehall. Kentta is open for dessert. Please have your child(ren) donate a baked good(s) which will be sold after the play.

Children's Play - Mattie O'Brien will be handling the play again this year (Thank you!!), but she needs help...that's a lot of kids for one person to handle!! This year we are looking for a Co-Director for her. If you may be interested in managing the play in the future, but not sure what that entails then this year would be perfect for you to get involved as a Co-Director to learn the ropes! Mattie can be reached at 734-646-3379, [obrien1988@gmail.com](mailto:obrien1988@gmail.com), and

<https://www.facebook.com/mattie.obrien>

August 6 - Kentta is open for breakfast from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Children's track meet at 12:00 noon at the Ravintola.

### Sisu Sisters Flotilla

Please join us on Saturday, July 22 for the annual Sisu Sisters Breakfast. We will have the popular Finnish Pannakakku as well as several other delicious breakfast choices. Breakfast will be served from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Delivery to camp country will be available again for an additional \$2.00. After breakfast, ladies please come join us at Sun Lake from 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. for our fun flotilla. Bring a raft and come continue the day with lunch provided. Please bring your beverage of choice and a dish to share. This is always a fun day. Come out and meet new friends and re-connect with others. See you there!

### Finn Camp Store



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](mailto:Store@finncamp.org).

Track Meet - Children are put into multiple age groups, girls and boys, and complete several events; past events include (about) a 50 yard dash, softball throw, standing long jump and running long jump. We are hoping to add several more events this year so as not to have a back-up at the jumping pit.

Canoe Trip – End of the season canoe trip for Members and Member's children 10 and older. 2-1/2 hour round-trip to Proud Lake Waterfall Dam followed by pizza and pop at Heavner Canoe Rental's picnic area. \$25/person. We are working on a plan where you and/or your child(ren) support the Recreation Committee by working at our events/functions will earn your trip on us as a thank you. Please keep an eye out for further details

### **Juhannus**

Thank you to everyone who participated in another successful Juhannus. The Kalevala exhibit was a great new addition this year bringing Finland a touch closer to us. Steve Niemi and friends kept the live Finnish music going and the small bits of rain did not hold us back from dancing and celebrating another great Kokko and midsummer. The kitchen put out delicious food. The DJ kept us dancing all night long. Congratulations to Rob Foxworthy for longest throw in this year's boot toss a whopping 96 feet! Tim Martin came in second place at 95 feet. Jim Leppi and Marty Hill are this year's horseshoe champions, with Ryan Arbour and Alan Arbour in second place. We look forward to seeing everyone next year. Happy summer! – *Amber Martin*

### **Finland - Land of the Midnight Sun**

Ever wonder how Finns survive the dark, cold, harsh winter months? By enjoying and celebrating endless daylight in the summer. That's how! Come July, Finland is known as the land of the midnight sun. Above the Arctic Circle the sun stays up for 70 consecutive days. In lower Finland, the sun hides below for only a few short hours each day. Public spaces come alive in the white night. Festivals like the Midnight Sun Film Festival are great ways to experience local summer culture in Finland. Private lake cottages become summer retreats where Finnish residents fish, hike, canoe and sauna into the wee hours of the morning. Finnish children can be seen awake all day and night long. Sleep can wait for winter. Till then, Finns make the most of the midnight sun.

- *Naomi Petainen*

## **Celebrate Finland's Centennial**

## **Sisu - Traveling Sauna**

**Finn Fest - August 11, 12 & 13**



Reserve your shift in the traveling sauna at [www.SignUpGenius.com/go/5080F4AAEAB2DABF49-traveling8](http://www.SignUpGenius.com/go/5080F4AAEAB2DABF49-traveling8). The price is \$40 per 45-minute shift regardless of the number of people in your group. (The sauna accommodates up to six people at a time.) Sauna-goers are required to wear a swimsuit and shower shoes and to bring two towels--one for sitting on.

Visit [TravelingSauna.com](http://TravelingSauna.com) for an up-to-date schedule and map of Sisu's route.

## Condolences



**Walter Mack**, age 87 of Wixom, Michigan was born on September 12, 1929 in Detroit to Walter and Rose Maczkowski. He passed away on Sunday, May 14, 2017 in South Lyon. Devoted husband of 48 years to Andrea. Loving father of Kevin (Kasey) Mack, Mike, Christine, and Walter. Caring grandfather of Michelle, Susan, Skyler and Hailee. Walter was a hardworking man and a licensed electrician for over 25 years. He helped with the installation of the stage lighting in the Dance Hall and control box. He took an active role in the Loon Lake Players and was a narrator for the Finn Camp video. Some would say he was a jack of all trades when it came to wood working and carpentry work. He served as President of DFCSCA board of directors for many years. He will be deeply missed by his family, extended family and friends.

## Condolences

Geraldine Taras, 94 years old, passed away on June 4, 2017. Geraldine lived in her own home, still drove her car, did her grocery shopping and cooking and managed her finances. She was quite proud of this but mad that she couldn't garden anymore. Geraldine is Sue Wendela's mother.

## BOARD NOTES AND REMINDERS

The Board welcomes the following new members: Cody Barrons. Anthony Koski, his wife Sandra and daughters Dora, Grace and Lyza. Douglas Laurila. Daniel Johnson and children Nikki, Stephen and Finn.

Camps must display their number on the road side of the camp. Areas must be clear of debris and litter. No ground fire pits. Outdoor lights displayed on the front of your camp only.

## Detroit Tigers Yooper Day At Comerica Park



**Saturday, August 19, 4:05 pm**

**Tigers vs Los Angeles Dodgers**

\$56/person

(includes game ticket, transportation to/from  
Comerica Park and Yooper Tiger hat)

Contact Carol Melancon at [FinnCulture@yahoo.com](mailto:FinnCulture@yahoo.com)  
or 734.261.3889. Include your contact info & no. of  
tickets. Bus leaves at 2pm from clubroom parking lot

Looking to express yourself creatively?  
Want to talk about something Finnish?  
Have writing or technical skills? Come try  
out the Newsletter and Web Site  
committee.

We are welcoming any Finn Camp member  
to become a part of our team.

For details contact Erick Leskinen,  
248-387-9409

[erick\\_leskinen@finncamp.org](mailto:erick_leskinen@finncamp.org)  
or Brian Peltto 734-658-8804  
[bpelto@ohiogratings.com](mailto:bpelto@ohiogratings.com)

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

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.

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](mailto:bookkeeper@finncamp.org).

The Finn Camp membership form can be found at [www.finncamp.org](http://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. Note: There is no rental fee for committee sponsored events. You will need to go through the social director however to ensure the venue is available.

Members with suggestions, comments or board-related business are asked to e-mail [board@finncamp.org](mailto:board@finncamp.org). General questions may be answered by visiting [www.finncamp.org](http://www.finncamp.org).

## **BOARD AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

### **Board of Directors**

Sunday, July 9, 10:00 a.m., Visitors at 12:00 noon

Wednesday, July 26, 6:00 p.m., no visitors

### **Future Planning Committee**

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

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