



Michigan Winter in Camp Country

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

Family Night and Potluck

The bar committee will be hosting a Family Night and Potluck on Friday, January 19, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. in the clubroom. Euchre tournament will begin promptly at 7:30 p.m. Please bring any card and board games that you don't mind sharing and something for the food table.

Winterfest 2018

Mark your calendars. Winterfest will be held Saturday, February 3, 2018. 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 (gooden_71@hotmail.com) to sign up to help. I am looking for a button seller, 50/50 and raffle ticket sellers, chili judges, a sauna master and helpers at the beach and Clubroom.

CALENDAR

January

- 4—Future Planning meeting, 7:30 p.m., Boardroom
- 7—Board Meeting, 10:00 a.m., visitors at 12:00 noon
- 14—Forest Management Committee, meet at pole barn at 10:00 a.m.
- 19—**Family Game Night and Potluck**, 7:00 p.m. Clubroom

February

- 1—Future Planning meeting, 7:30 p.m., Boardroom
- 3—**Winterfest, 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Sun Lake, Chili Cook-off, 6:00 p.m. Clubroom**
- 11—Board Meeting, 10:00 a.m., visitors at 12:00 noon
- 11—Forest Management Committee, meet at pole barn at 10:00 a.m.

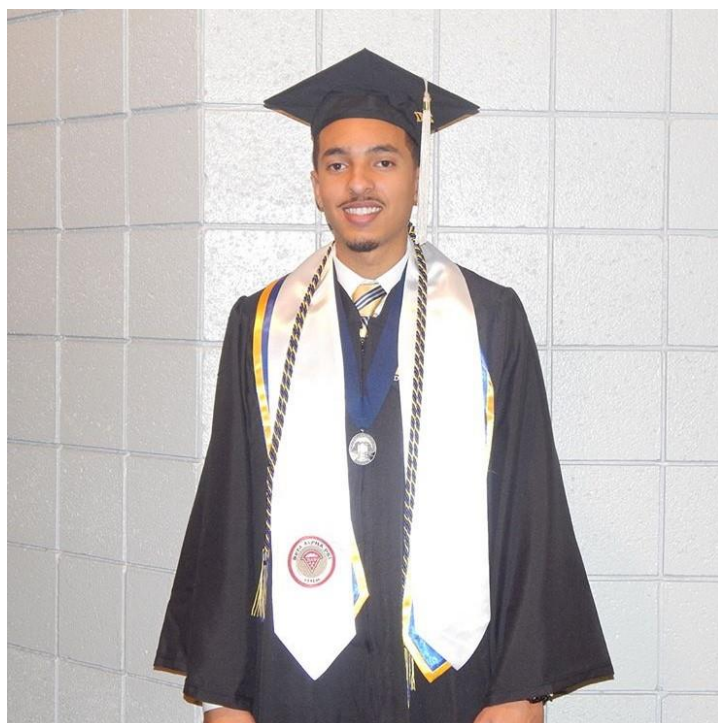
Clubroom: Open Fridays, Saturdays, 7:00 p.m. to close

Sauna Hours:

Wednesday - 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Saturday - 3:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.



Pikku Joulu, Finland Centennial and Adult Christmas Part
Kiitos paljon to all who came out to celebrate 2017's Pikku Joulu, Finland Centennial, and Adult Christmas Party! An idea to combine the three turned out to be a wonderful time for all ages. Kids' crafts were added to traditional Pikku Joulu activities including a Christmas carol singalong and surprise visit from Santa and his reindeer Comet. Finn Camp president, Bob O'Brien, opened the centennial program with a Christmas greeting and toast to Finland's 100 years of independence. Steve Niemi's presentation highlighting Finland's accomplishments during the last 100 years was followed by Don Reinholm's beautiful accordion rendition of Jean Sibelius' *Finlandia*. Delicious Finnish side dishes and desserts were served with holiday hams provided by the Board. The talented Finn Folk band provided the evening's music. A big thank you to all who helped to make this a very special event: Robyn Jokinen, Kristen Tury, Melissa Baker, Linda Gooden, Steve Niemi, Cindi Maddick, Bruce Foxworthy, Beverly Jokinen and Steve Melancon. - *Carol Melancon*



William Allen awarded Chancellor's Medallion in Recognition of Academic Achievement and Character

William Allen received a Bachelor of Business Administration degree with majors in accounting and finance. Having earned a GPA of 3.97, he graduates with High Distinction. Allen was on the Dean's List every fall and winter term, received University Honors six times and was named a James B. Angell Scholar twice. William is the recipient of numerous scholarships,

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 for fit.) The deadline is the same as the date for newsletter copy: the 15th of each month.

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Adventure on the Trails

Enjoy snow as much as I do? Winter sports, in particular cross-country skiing remains a large part of Finnish culture. Recreation trails span all across Finland, from the Northernmost parts of Lapland to minutes outside the metropolis of Helsinki. They meander through forests, past icy lakes, over bridge covered rivers and remind citizens of decades ago when skiing was an essential mode of winter transportation. If one wanted to reach work, school or their closest neighbor, one popped on their ski boots and headed out. Didn't matter that snow banks sat higher than roofs, or that one had to stomp out their own tracks. One glided to their destination, skis underfoot, snow flying upward, and wind on their cheeks. Made eight months of winter delightful and at the same time promoted a healthy lifestyle. Today resorts throughout Finland keep citizens active. Ylläs ski resort in Levi, Finland provides one of the largest systems. It encircles their entire property and stretches out for three-hundred kilometers. Children in smaller communities such as Nuorgam, Finland still ski to school. Toddlers as young as eighteen months old hobble along white tracks on their first skis like my son Erik did at that age. He now stands by himself and can slide along at a slow and steady pace. As the snow accumulates, we hope to enjoy lots of skiing with him this winter. Check out Erik pictured above.

~Naomi Petäinen

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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.

Contact Mike Honka, ph. 248-860-5109

Condolences



Reino Harold Mustonen, May 14, 1915 - November 29, 2017

Reino Harold Mustonen passed on November 29, 2017. He was 102 ½ years old. Rey's parents, August & Fanni Mustonen were founding Finn Camp members. He fondly remembered times growing up out here when the camps were army tents set onto wooden floors, which had trap doors in them where blocks of ice were kept to keep food from spoiling because there wasn't any electricity. As he started his own family he sprung at the chance to live as close as possible to the Finn Camp. Rey's house and his mother's house were built by his brother-in-law, an Aaltonen, Wayne Cobb. Back in the day this neighborhood was part of the Finn Camp property. Treated much like the camps where you owned the building, not the land. It later had to get subdivided into plots so the house owners could buy the land to increase cash flow for the Finn Camp to stay "in-the-black" financially. As a Finn, true to his heart he loved the outdoors. Nature, fishing, walking, skiing, etc. He loved his family. Especially his two great-grandson's whom he loved watching while they played with his golf putters & such. A full life well lived & loved. There will be a Finn Camp Celebration of Life in May, 2018.

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, Kristen Tury, Sam Dernberger), or give them to a board member to put on the Boardroom table. We need in inventory from the store and the

Finn Camp Store



Do your Christmas shopping at the Finn Camp store. Lots of new tee shirts, mugs, hats and back packs.

Everything is available next weekend during clubroom hours and also during the Christmas party on Saturday, December 9.

For access to the store during off hours, call Patti Leppi,
Ph: 248-921-1432, or email,
Store@finncamp.org.

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

or Brian Pelto 734-658-8804
bpelto@ohiogratings.com

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 Finn Camp has a members only group on Facebook. If you are not a member of the group and would like to be added, contact Linda Gooden at gooden_71@hotmail.com with your email address and she will add you to the group. This group will include private members only events, work projects and be another form of communication to our members.

You can now transfer money to pay your Finn Camp bill online using PayPal by using "treasurer@finncamp.org" on PayPal "Pay for goods and service page, <https://www.paypal.com/myaccount/transfer/buy>.

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

BOARD AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Board of Directors

Sunday, January 7 at 10:00 a.m., visitors at 12:00 noon.

Future Planning Committee

January, 4 at 7:30 p.m., Boardroom

Forest Management Committee

Sunday, January 14 at 10:00 a.m., Pole barn

Newsletter Notice

Committee chairperson and event coordinators please submit your event notice by the 15th of the previous month. The sooner the better so we can help promote your event.

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