



*Finn Camp Board President Bob O'Brien takes a Polar Dip at Winterfest 2017*

## 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 248-882*

### Winterfest 2018

Winterfest 2018 will be held on Saturday, February 3. 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 Jamie Geddes to follow. Buttons will be \$6.00 per adult, \$4.00 per child, or \$18.00 per member family with the sauna available at an additional charge. The sauna opens at 1:00 pm. The clubroom bar will open at 4:00 p.m. The building will open at 3:00 p.m. for chili drop-off. The event will not be a success without your chili entries! For work hours please contact Linda Gooden (gooden\_71@hotmail.com)

### Family Game Night

The Bar Committee is sponsoring a family game night on Saturday, February 17 starting at 7:00 p.m. Euchre tournament begins at 8:00 pm. sharp. Please bring board and card games to share and a snack for the food table.

## CALENDAR

### February

3—**Winterfest, 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.**  
**Sun Lake, Chili Cook-off, 6:00 p.m.**  
**Clubroom**

11—Forest Management Committee,  
meet at pole barn at 10:00 a.m.

18—Board Meeting, 10:00 a.m., visitors at  
12:00 noon

### March

1—Future Planning meeting, 7:30  
p.m., Boardroom

10—**St. Urho's Party, 8:00 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.

Sunday - 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. through  
February

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



## Kingdom Of Snow

Finnish castles do exist. Every winter, locals in the town of Kemi, Finland sculpt an elaborate snow castle derived entirely from frozen sea water. The biggest of its kind in Europe, it rests beside the Arctic Ocean on beds of snow. Deemed a present to the world, the first snow castle made its appearance in 1996. Twenty-three years since its inception, constructors now annually change the snow castle's theme. This year's emphasis is on the natural wonders and ecosystems of Finland and Lapland with ice creations based on local animals, ocean life and forests. The massive ice hotel draws visitors from all around the world. Some liken it to a true arctic adventure. Rooms boast lavish ice furnishings, snow floors and powder white walls. A snow chapel on the extensive property performs numerous wedding ceremonies and a restaurant on sight seats two hundred people. During our Canadian travels in 2010, Kai and I toured an ice hotel right outside Quebec City. Though much smaller than the Finnish version, we enjoyed its gorgeous construction and unique atmosphere. Check out the picture below and watch this video of Finland's snow castle. ~Naomi Petäinen  
<https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=eIVHEGNNzyk>

## With Love From Finland

Dateless on Valentine's Day? You might be in luck. A surplus of young unmarried Finlanders reside in Finland, particularly in its cities. Turns out, with the rise of educated Finnish women and the stereotype of quiet, conservative Finnish men, both genders tend to marry foreigners. While women often prefer the lure of communication, men seek the company of a conservative companion. Results in a plethora of Finnish singles who might be interested in an unattached American. Never know. Love can reach across an ocean and connect two lonely hearts on Valentine's Day. ~Naomi Petäinen

## St. Urho's Party

The 2018 St. Urho's party will be held on Saturday, March 10 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



## 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.

## Lakes Area Bait Shop

Live Bait. Reloading.  
Supplies for Fishing,  
including Bowfishing. Hunting,  
Camping, Archery  
2600 Benstein Rd.,  
Wolverine Lake  
(south of Glengary Rd.)  
Ph.: 248-624-3333  
LakesAreaBaitShop@  
Yahoo.com  
Suppliers to the Finn Camp  
Fishing Derby

## Need a Seamstress?

Call Cindi Maddick for all your  
alterations, custom work and  
mending at  
248-303-7337

### 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 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*

### 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. We will start practicing when the weather turns spring-like. Players interested in joining can contact Bob O'Brien at 734-994-4401

**Tower Repair Work Update** - Work continues on the tower repairs on Saturdays and Sundays from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. with exception of Saturday, February 3, for Winterfest. We need members who like to work on this project. Contact Delle Aro on how you can help. Get work hours early and a free sauna for workers. Dress warm. Note, this project will continue every weekend until completed.

### Looking for volunteers to make hot food for workers

I recall our parents and grandparents coming together to work on projects. Most of the time the women would be found in the kitchen cooking for those working. The Finn Camp does not have an active ladies auxiliary today. Members who don't have the skills to work on the tower, but can cook. I put out a challenge to the membership to contribute to the tower renovations in any way they can. Perhaps in the same way I did, supply a hearty warm meal.—Lori Aro

### BOARD NOTES AND REMINDERS

The Board is accepting applications for all paid positions such as Bookkeeper, Caretaker, Bar Manager, Assistant Bar Manager, Beach Manager, etc. All applications should be in writing and submitted to the Board of Directors.

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.

[newsletter\\_editor@finncamp.org](mailto:newsletter_editor@finncamp.org)

### 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

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

### 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.

Contact Mike Honka,  
ph. 248-860-5109

### Finn Camp Store



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

For access to the store during off

hours, call Patti Leppi,

Ph: 248-921-1432, or email,

[Store@finncamp.org](mailto:Store@finncamp.org).

**As a member with a child or children between the ages of 19 and 25, it is your responsibility to ensure that they work 16 hours or pay guest rates at the beach and sauna. They also are required to pay guest rates if they stay at a camp. See blue book for rates.**

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

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](mailto: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 pay your Finn Camp bill online with Paypal by using [treasurer@finncamp.org](mailto:treasurer@finncamp.org). You must select "Transfer to friends & family" and pay directly from your Paypal or bank account to avoid a fee. All fees incurred by Finn Camp will be charged to that member's account. Fees will be charged if paying with a credit card or selecting "transfer for goods or services".

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, February 18 at 10:00 a.m., visitors at 12:00 noon.

### **Future Planning Committee**

No meeting is scheduled for February. The next meeting is Thursday, March 1, at 7:30 p.m., Boardroom

### **Forest Management Committee**

Sunday, February 11 at 10:00 a.m., Pole barn

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