



Polar Dippers at Winterfest 2018

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

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*

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

CALENDAR

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.

April

- 5—Future Planning meeting, 7:30 p.m., Boardroom
- 8—Forest Management Committee, meet at pole barn at 10:00 a.m.
- 15—Board Meeting, 10:00 a.m., visitors at 12:00 noon
- 29—**Annual Meeting: Registration at 11:00 a.m., meeting begins at 12:00 Noon**

Upcoming Events

Juhannus – June 16

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.

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



Winterfest 2018 was a great success.

Kiitos to all who helped beginning with our "Ice Hole" crew of Keith Maddick, Paul Salo, Larry Gooden, Robert Taipala, Scott Taipala, David Taipala, Maxine Halperin and Erick Leskinen. We had a great deal of help this year (I hope I don't forget anyone) including Amanda Nordin, Joan Amos, Mike and Denise Niemasz, Kayla Jokinen, Jennifer Emery, Lindsey Taipala, Nancy Kasparschuster, Kim Ziegler, Crystal Soli, Karina Garland, Steve Maki, Michelle Foxworthy, Joselle Bamford, Greg Pelto and Chuck Rudzki.



We had a fabulous turn out. Thank you also to our beautiful bartenders Sherry Martin and Pam Linick. There were more than 40 polar dippers and 17 chili entries. Our chili cook-off winners were First Place - Brian Pelto, Second Place - Rachel Estelle (Pelto) and Third Place - Sue Niemasz. Thank you again to all who helped and supported this fun wintertime event. -
Lauri Taipala and Linda Gooden



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.

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

Kicksledding

Finlanders take sledding to a whole new level. Instead of zooming down snowy hills, they zoom across frozen lakes. Not on ice skates but on Finnish kicksleds. Resembling a walker or a scooter, the kicksled made its debut shortly after Finland became a nation in 1917. Today, the tradition continues. Finlanders of all ages, from children to seniors use these sleds not only on lakes but on snowy walkways or lanes. One simply pushes with one foot and glides with the other, allowing for movement as well as a mode of transportation. More convenient, the rails lend a holder for bags or purses while the front seat allows the kicksledder a place to rest. Both very functional inclusions. Köyliönjärvi, one popular location to kicksled is known for its six mile loop-trail across a frozen lake complete with a campfire at each end. All one needs is a lanki makara (sausage) and a kicksled to participate in this free activity. Legend claims a bishop was murdered in the 12th century on this same ice by a peasant girl. Hard to believe such a vicious act occurred at this lovely and highly trafficked winter destination. Daytime brings locals laughing as they buzz to and fro on the lake. Afterwards, they heat a makara on the open flame, cause who wouldn't enjoy a feast in the crisp invigorating air. ~Naomi Petäinen

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Sun Lake Tower Repair Completed

The work to re-build the Sun Lake diving tower, a special project which was approved by the membership in the Semi-Annual meeting in October has been completed. The Board would like to thank all the members who participated by working on the tower itself, preparing materials, transporting materials and equipment, preparing meals for the workers, and any other activity that went into this tremendous project. The board would like to specifically thank Dell Aro, Karl Aro, Lori Aro, Cody Barrans, Marty Boatman, Jeff Davis, Dave Grogan, Maxine Halperin, Eric Holm, Kevin Homola, Mike Honka, Kayla Jokinen, Tammie King, Jim K, Erick Leskinen, Neil Leskinen, Patti Leppi, Kevin Mack, Cindi Maddick, Keith Maddick, Denise Neimasz, Mike Niemasz, Rob Pisha, Chris Rentola, Robert Taipala, Paul Salo, April Santti, Carol Santti, Russ Santti, the Sisus Sisters, and Reino Solin. If we have missed anyone who contributed we would like to thank you too. This type of project demonstrates the best of the "Cooperative" part of our name - members contributing their time and talents to the best of their ability for the benefit of the association. There will be more work next year to replace cross-beams and deck boards, and the work required to run Finn Camp will never end but we can all celebrate the success of this project and know that the tower structure is solid for many years to come. - *Bob O'Brien*

Need a Seamstress?

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

248-303-7337

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



2018 Winter Olympics

Finnish Olympic fan? Cheer for 2018 Bronze medalists, snowboarder Krista Pärmäkoski and cross-country skier Enni Rukajärvi. Interesting enough, both Olympians happen to be women and happen to dominate in their event. No surprise there since Finland sees eight months of winter each year and grows champions of Nordic sports. What remains inspirational is that at an age when gender inequalities governed society, Finnish women paved their way into the Olympics. In 1920, Finnish figure skater, Ludovika Jakobsson became the first ever gold medalist. At the 1952 Olympics it was the first time females competed in cross-country skiing and three Finnish women took home all three medals. Over the past century, Finlanders have received more than 160 Olympic medals of which many were awarded to females. Big hi-five to Finnish women for their impressive Olympic achievements.

~Naomi Petäinen

From the Auditors

The Finn Camp Store, Recreation Committee and Sisus Sisters are required to turn in their financial records for the year to any one of the auditors (Greg Peltó, Mary Johnson, Kristen Tury, Sam Dernberger), or give them to a board member to put on the Boardroom table. 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

Annual Membership Meeting

The 2018 Annual Meeting is scheduled for April 29 in the Clubroom. Registration begins at 11:00 a.m. and the meeting starts at noon. It is very important that members attend the meeting. Many issues need to be discussed and voted on. Please come to the meeting and be a part of the decision making of our association. Lunch will be provided and a free sauna will be available to attendees after the meeting.

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.

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Finn Camp Store



Come shop 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.

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 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. 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. 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, March 11, at 10:00 a.m., visitors at 12:00 noon.

Future Planning Committee

Thursday, March 1, at 7:30 p.m., Boardroom

Forest Management Committee

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

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