



Kemmy and Dennis Shaheen won best couple at the Adult Halloween Party. He's got a secret recipe & she has 11 herbs & spices.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Note: Not all events are listed on this and other DFCSCA calendars. If you are planning an event check availability of the specific facility on a certain date, please call 248-882-4626

Fall Talkoo November 4

The fall *talkoo* is Finn Camp's annual tradition of its members coming together to prepare the grounds for the winter. Please come out for this event, which is a sociable occasion as well as being task oriented. All ages are invited to join in. Free *mojakka* and a complimentary sauna will be provided for the workers. This year's *talkoo* will be held on Sunday, November 4, starting at 10:00 a.m. Sign in at the Clubroom upon arrival.

CALENDAR

November

- 1—Future Planning meeting, 7:30 p.m., Boardroom
- 3—**Fall Harvest Dinner**, 4:00 to 6:00 p.m., Clubroom
- 4—**Annual Fall Talkoo**, 10:00 a.m. Meet at the Clubroom. Camp Country closes after Talkoo.
- 4—Day light savings time ends
- 11—Board meeting, 9:00 a.m., visitors at 11:00 a.m. See board notes for special time and meeting instructions.
- 11—Forest Management committee, meet at the pole barn. 10:00 a.m.
- 15,16—**Holiday Extravaganza**, 5:00 - 8:00 p.m., Clubroom
- 16—**Sisu Sisters Spa Night**, 7:00 to 10:00 p.m., Sauna.

December

- 2—**Pikku Joul**, 1:00 to 5:00 p.m., clubroom
- 6—Future Planning meeting, 7:30 p.m., Boardroom
- 8—**Adult Christmas Party**, 7:00 p.m., Clubroom
- 31—**New Year's Eve Party**, 9:00 p.m. clubroom

Clubroom: Open Friday and Saturday, 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.

Annual Harvest Dinner

Please join the Bar Committee for this annual event on Saturday, November 3 from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. Turkey, mashed potatoes, stuffing and salad will be provided. Bring your appetite and a veggie dish or your favorite dessert to pass.

Annual Holiday Extravaganza

Come one come all to the annual holiday extravaganza at the clubroom on Wednesday, November 14 and Thursday, November 15. See handmade items from more than 20 local artists. Items including Finnish baked goods, hot or frozen pasties, piirakka, pulla, DoTerra essential oils, candles, fragrances, soaps, jewelry, scarves, upcycled wool mittens, clothing and accessories, pet collars and pet treats, artificial wreaths, garland, floral arrangements for indoors or outdoors and other various crafts. There are still a few tables open for rent. Please contact Kari Aro for details. Ph: 248-217-5467

Pikku Joulu

The children's Pikku Joulu this year is scheduled for Sunday, December 2 in the clubroom from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. Please bring a potluck dish, (side dish or dessert), and one wrapped gift, \$10.00 to \$15.00 for each of your children to place under the tree. For new members bring one unbreakable ornament with your family's name and 2018 for the year you joined the Finn Camp. One per membership family only please.

The main Protein is Riisi Puroa. Beverages provided include coffee, tea and hot cocoa. Program: Potluck -- Let's eat!

- Senior Recognition (corsages/boutonieres via Kari Aro)!
- Music: The 'Normal' rundown, *let me know if there's a solo/group performance to add
- Piano Accompaniment via Bruce Foxworthy
- Santa/Gifts - Have a Santa, *needing a Santa's helper!*

Craft Project? - *need help!* Only will be done if someone wants to get work-hours in!

Practices: Starting Wednesday, November 7 at the clubroom, Wednesdays at 5:00 p.m. and Saturdays at 2:00 p.m. If there is a conflicting function it will be in Dancehall instead so dress please appropriately. For more information contact Jody Dernberger, 248-819-8964 (prefer text) Thanks!

Children's Halloween Party Pic's



Mojakka Cook-Off

It was another fun mojakka cook-off. The focus was celebrating the Edwin Elkhill Scholarship recipients and to enjoy as much mojakka as possible. We displayed the photos and essays of the recipients. There were 19! Also displayed was a map of the USA pinpointing the location of their school and listing their colleges. Thank you Raelyn and Lori Aro for making the college board.

About 50 of us feasted on some of the **best** stew and finished with desserts supplied by Bev Jokinen and Pat Alfaiz. The highlight of the day was definitely the mojakka. It was delicious as evidenced by all the empty pots. So thank you Shelly Mazurek, Joni Sennhenn, Sally Evans, Pat Alfaiz, Kemmy Shaheen, Patti Leppi, Mary Barie and Pam Linick who also operated the clubroom. Kittos! Without you it could not have happened.

Finally what would a cook-off be without the satisfied group voting for their favorites: Joni Sennhenn, 1st place, Pat Alfaiz, 2nd place, Kemmy Shaheen and Patti Leppi tying for third. See you next year - *Mary Barie, Kim Ziegler, Millie Packard, Dan Linick*

Finn Camp Christmas Card

An association Christmas card designed by one of our own will be mailed to all Finn Camp members. Members who would like their name inside the Christmas card this year are asked to pay \$5.00 by December 2. This fee covers the cost for printing & mailing the cards. We need your support to continue this tradition. Please contact Amber Martin to be included on the card and to make payment, 248-770-9994 or ambersennhenn@gmail.com. Payments may be mailed to Finn Camp, attention "Christmas Card". Be sure to include your name(s) as you would like them to appear on the card. Kiitos!

Adult Christmas Party

The Adult Christmas Party will be on December 8, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. in the Clubroom. The Board will provide a deli tray. Please bring a dish to pass.

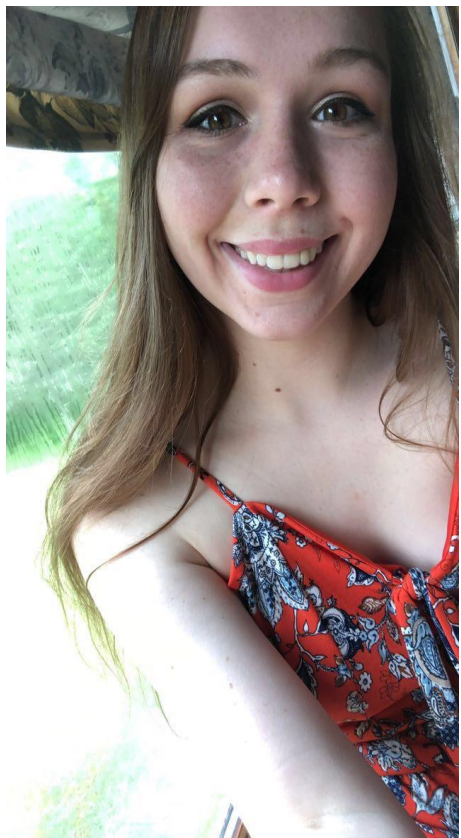
Free "Classified" Ads

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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2018 Edwin Elkhill Scholarship Recipient



Berkley Bretschneider – Grand Valley State University

Last year's scholarship was extremely helpful in allowing me to pay for school. It covered some of the remaining costs not taken care of by my loans and then the rest went to books and a campus parking pass. I am very appreciative of it all.

My last year of school was pretty good – I learned a lot and grew as both a person and a student. At the beginning of the fall semester, I got a job working for a Campus Dining location and met some great friends there. By the time the winter semester rolled around, I got promoted to be a student manager. Though the pay raise wasn't great, it's been a really great work experience and resume builder! I am continuing to work there this year and I still really enjoy it. Academically, last year was really good for me. After lots of essays, writing, and all-nighters, I ended my sophomore year with a 3.6! I have grown to love my political science major even more than when I first declared and have also added a minor in criminal justice. Overall, I am excited for this next year and the opportunities to come.

Sisu Sister's Corner

Ladies, please join us to celebrate the start of the holiday season at our annual Spa Night. It will be Friday, November 16 from 7:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. Enjoy a sauna, games, snacks and beverages with your Finn Camp friends. Again, massages will be available - \$1.00 per minute.

The Sisu Sisters will be providing the main entree. Please feel free to bring a dish to add to our table and a wrapped gift for our White Elephant exchange if you would like to participate in that.

This is our "Thank you" for your help and support throughout the year!

Finnish Genetics

Finlanders have often been considered of European descent, but that might be all in the past. According to professor Marrku Laakso from the University of Eastern Finland, "The folks of Finland descend from only fifteen-hundred families. Researcher from prestigious scientific journal, Nature, recently conducted a study on sixty-thousand people from different nationalities and concluded that the genetics of Finlanders are quite different from the overall European population. The results of this study may offer scientists an opportunity to study the function of genes, how they impact illness and how biological factors influences culture. For more information on this study check out -

<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC5614886/>

~Naomi Petäinen

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Scholarship Committee - 2018

Quotes from Students Scholarship Applications

“The scholarship not only helped me financially, but also was very beneficial as it allowed me to become a larger part of the Finn Camp community”

“The required hours that students work were actually fun, and introduced me to many different members as well as meet and reconnect with numerous relatives..... working has made me feel as though I am a much larger part than I had been and helped me cherish my Finnish heritage much more.”

“Using the scholarship towards my tuition greatly helped with furthering my education.”

“The community at the Finn Camp has always been welcoming, and the traditions and experiences that I have been a part of are something to be proud of.”

“We Finns love to be close to nature, that being the lake, or a cabin in the woods, it brings a sense of connection”

“We keep our traditions close, and keep them year-round, and those traditions and meanings make up our heritage as Finns.”

“I am very appreciative and grateful for the benefits that (the scholarship) has given me...”

“Although (work) took up a majority of my time, I made sure to always fit days at the Finn Camp into my schedule. I worked almost every taco Wednesday at the Finn Camp this summer. I enjoy this because I love to be in the kitchen and cook.”

“I am extremely grateful for what the Edwin Ekhill Scholarship has been able to offer me this past year... there was a lot of expenses to be covered throughout both semesters.”

“Going away to college has taught me more things that I could even list, and I have The Edwin Ekhill Scholarship to thank for helping me make this possible.”

“(The scholarship) has helped tremendously in so many ways that I will always be thankful for.”

“Thanks to the Finn Camp, I was able to advance my career and grow as a student and as a person.”

“The past scholarship I received has been extremely beneficial to my college career. As most people know, college books are very expensive, so I typically spend a lot of money on them each semester.”

“...huge support in my journey to academic success and it has been very helpful for my family and myself.”

“When walking around the Finn Camp I always feel a sense of security knowing that I am part of a community that cares for me and my well-being as an individual. I plan on continuing my love for this place with my children and their children so that future generations can enjoy the Finn Camp just as much as I have.”

“I am grateful for the Edwin Ekhill Scholarship from Finn Camp.”

“As a child Finn Camp was a place where we (my mom, brother and I) got to spend all of July participating in swimming lessons, plays and talent shows, track meets, game nights, you name it! Anything a kid wanted to do; Finn Camp provided it.”

“Finn Camp means a place that feels like home away from home....”

“.....I have made life-long friends and memories.”
“I love Finn Camp more than anything. I know I would not be who I am without the D.F.C.S.C.A.”

“Finn Camp has been my lifeline to my heritage, which is why both are important to me.”

“(Finn Camp) has provided me with a place where I can experience all aspects of my Finnish heritage.”

“Finn Camp scholarship greatly helped me with college.”

“Because of the freedom that the scholarship allowed me I was able to attend many career related events.”

Quotes from Students Scholarship Applications Continued:

"I am very grateful for the Finn Camp scholarship and what it allowed me to accomplish."

"Scholarship was extremely helpful in allowing me to pay for school. It covered some of the remaining costs not taken care of my loans..."

"I decided to train for a triathlon in order to stay in shape. I swam many laps at Sun Lake and I think Edwin would have been proud."

"The Edwin Ekhill scholarships have helped me pay for textbooks and parts of my tuition, and I'm very thankful for it."

"With the money from this year's scholarship, I plan to use it to help pay for classes as I complete my junior year and work towards my bachelor's degree in history."

"It is truly amazing how Finn Camp has done so much to help the youth experience the Finnish traditions. It has helped me recognize how cool and unique my Finnish heritage is."

BOARD NOTES AND REMINDERS

Our November meeting will be starting early due to a rental in the clubroom. We will see visitors at 11:00 a.m. on Sunday, November 11. We are asking visitors to come in through the back clubroom entrance. The meeting begins at 9:00 a.m.

Camp Country will be closing on Sunday, November 4 after the Fall Talkoo.

The Board is accepting bids on camps #89 and #154. Please submit your sealed bid to the Board. Bids will be opened at the January Board Meeting.

No chairs, motorized vehicles, skateboards etc. are allowed on the pickle-ball court.

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.

Cords of Firewood For sale

\$55 for members, \$65 for non-members. Delivery is extra. Call or text 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 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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Attention all committees: The Board would like for you to communicate with us regarding projects and fundraisers you are planning. We would like to support your endeavors and projects and would like to make sure that multiple committees are not planning on tackling the same area to prevent overlapping, or we can connect those committees so they can work together

The Association is seeking a member to take over as chairperson for the Sound Committee. As Steve Niemi has mentioned he would like to train a replacement and step down. If you are interested, please contact the Board.

The Finn Camp has a member's 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. 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

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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, November 11, at 9:00 a.m., visitors at 11:00 a.m.

Future Planning Committee

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

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