



A big buck was sighted at Sun Like on October 26. Photo by Kevin Mack

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

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!

CALENDAR

December

- 2—**Pikku Joul**, 1:00 to 5:00 p.m., clubroom
- 8—**Adult Christmas Party**, 7:00 p.m., clubroom
- 9—Forest Management committee, meet at the pole barn. 10:00 a.m.
- 31—**New Year's Eve Party**, 9:00 p.m. clubroom

January

- 3—Future Planning meeting, 7:30 p.m., Boardroom
- 13—Forest Management committee, meet at the pole barn. 10:00 a.m.
- 20—Board meeting, 9:00 a.m., visitors at 11:00 noon

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.

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!*

For more information contact Jody Dernberger, 248-819-8964 (prefer text) Thanks!

- Recreation Committee Sponsored

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.

Uudenvuodenaatto, New Year's Eve

Our traditional New Year's Eve party will begin in the Clubroom at 9:00 p.m. on December 31. Please bring a dish to share. This event is open to adults and children. Celebrate the beginning of the year with your fellow Finn Campers!



Condolences



Joann Carol Laitinen Hall, 76, of New York, N.Y., and St. Petersburg, Fla., died on Nov. 10, 2018, at Arden Courts Memory Care Center in Seminole, Fla. Joann graduated from Mackenzie High School in Detroit, attended Wayne University until one semester from graduation, then—on the strength of a great cultural experience in Norway during an American Field Service year—moved to New York City to be on staff at AFS. After 18 years there she then served as Executive Assistant to five national directors of the Girl Scouts of the U.S.A. She was preceded in death by her parents, Finn Campers Uno and Elsie Laitinen, and her sister, Barbara. Survivors include her husband, David R. Hall of St. Petersburg, and her brother-in-law James Ahnemiller and his daughter Janice Finney and his sons Jason Ahnemiller, Craig Ahnemiller, and their families. Joann was an active member of her local United Methodist churches and volunteered all her life in activities involving international families. She was an avid knitter, gardener, book club member, traveler, and caregiver. Joann loved Finn Camp and her “Pikku Tuppa” (tiny cabin) there. Her grandfather John Laitinen was a founder of the D.F.C.S.C.A. Contributions in her memory can be made to Finn Camp at www.finncamp.org. A memorial service will be held Saturday, January 26, 2019, at First United Methodist Church of St. Petersburg, Fla., at 11:00 a.m. Anyone considering attending, however tentatively, is encouraged to be in touch with David (see contact information below) by December 1, to help in securing rooms in nearby hotels. (Some financial assistance may be available to help defray your lodging cost.) You can reach David at davidrandallhall@gmail.com or text or call to 917 204-6494.

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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Hail to Hockey Night in Finland

Hockey may have sprouted in Canada but Finland prides itself on its own exciting hockey history. Some of the greatest hockey players of all time – Jari Kurri, Juhani Wahlsten and Teemu Selanne to name a few were Finnish born. Scouted by talent agents, these players built their careers on NHL teams, gaining phenomenal success that later won them spots in the Hockey hall of Fame. Their achievements might be why Finlanders hail hockey as their national sport and why they carry such deep regard for its players; players who were the underdogs from the beginning. In 1926 Finland entered the sport under the glaring eyes of Canada, Sweden and Russia whose more established teams ruled the hockey arena. By 1938 Finland competed in the world championships. After many defeats and setbacks the national Finnish hockey league fought their way to the forefront and today ranks among the most renowned leagues in the world. Over thirty Finnish players now dominate hockey including the Finnish women's national hockey team that took home the bronze medal from the 2018 Winter Olympic Games. Finlanders are no strangers to hard work proven by their climb to hockey fame. As the new season of hockey sets in motion look for Finnish players as they not only score well but they also are passionate about the sport. ~Naomi Petäinen

Sisu Sister's Corner

A good time was had by all at our annual Spa Night. Games, massages and excellent food! It was a great way to start off the Holiday season. We have big plans for next year. Some things that are in the works:

- We will be putting together a cookbook. So, dig out your favorite recipes, Finnish or otherwise. We will update with details in the coming month.
- We are bringing back the Beer Tasting Event on September 14, 2019. More information to follow.
- Installation of a retaining wall around the herb garden. It will be similar to the one we put in the seating area of the Butterfly Garden.

We are looking forward to a very exciting 2019! Stay tuned.

Spa Night



2018 Edwin Elkhill Scholarship Recipient



Sam Barrett

My name is Sam Barrett and I have been a lifelong member of the Finn Camp. Receiving scholarships are very helpful because attending college and getting a degree can be a challenge financially. Scholarships that I receive go a long way in helping to pay for school so I can focus on academics. This past year has been difficult. My grandpa, David Junnola, died unexpectedly due to complications after heart surgery. I was lucky enough to be a kid that grew up in the same neighborhood as my grandparents and have such good memories with them. I am grateful that my grandpa was always there for me throughout my life. In this last year at MSU I decided to change my major from business and go into kinesiology. With my new major I plan on going to grad school and becoming a physical therapist. I look forward to going back to East Lansing and continuing school. This summer I got a job working as a camp counselor. This was a fun job that came with its fair share of challenges. I learned that working with children can be a very rewarding job but at the same time an exhausting one. Over this summer I went on a family trip to the Upper Peninsula.

On this trip we saw some of the best sights and scenery Michigan has to offer. But on a more personal note this trip was all about my grandpa who passed away in March this year. My grandpa always loved the U.P. so my mom and grandma could think of no better place to pay tribute to him by spreading his ashes on his family's farm where he spent his summers growing up. During my spare time this summer I thought of a way to challenge myself. 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 triathlon was a very fun and tough race to put myself through and I can't wait to sign up for another one next summer.

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.

Winterfest

Mark your calendars. Winterfest will be held Saturday, February 2, 2019. 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 to DJ Jamie Geddes. If you would like to get an early start to 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. And of course all you chili makers and polar dippers are needed. If you would like to submit pictures of Winterfests past please email them to me or add them to the Winterfest event on the member's only Facebook page.

BOARD NOTES AND REMINDERS

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.

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.

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.

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.

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

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."

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 20, at 9:00 a.m., visitors at 11:00 noon

Forest Management

Sunday, December 9, at 10:00 a.m. meet at the pole barn.

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