



Egrets on Sun Lake. Photo by Gavin Wing Jr.

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

Spring Talkoo

Come out to Camp Country on Sunday, May 5, at 10:00 a.m. for the annual spring talkoo clean-up. Many workers are required to spruce up our grounds and ready our facilities for another great season. After the work is done, mojakka will be served and saunas offered to all workers. Be sure to register in the Clubroom to qualify for your free lunch and sauna.



Memorial Day Flag Raising

The traditional Memorial Day flag raising will be held Monday, May 27, at Leppi's Landing on Loon Lake at 9:15 a.m.

CALENDAR

May

- 2—Future Planning meeting, 7:30 p.m., Boardroom
- 5—**Spring Talkoo**, 10:00 a.m.
- 17—**Kiss My Glass Nightlight Workshop**, 6:00 p.m., clubroom
- 18—**Beach Beautification**, 10:00 a.m.
- 19—Board Meeting, 9:00 a.m. visitors at 11:00 a.m.
- 26—**Scholarship Committee Breakfast**, 8:30 a.m., Ravintola
- 26—**Goat Yoga**, 1:00 p.m., Sun Lake
- 27—**Memorial Day Flag Raising**, Leppi's Landing, Loon Lake, 9:15 a.m.

June

- 1—**Masquerade Ball**, 8:00 p.m., dancehall
- 2—**Spring Scramble** golf outing, registration begins at 8:00 a.m. tee-off at 9:00 a.m. Riverbank Golf Course
- 6—Future Planning meeting, 7:30 p.m., boardroom
- 9—**Board Meeting and Camp Inspection**, 9:00 a.m. visitors at 11:00 a.m.
- 9—**Fishing Derby**, registration begins at 9:00 a.m., Sun Lake
- 22—**Juhannus**
- 26—Board Meeting, 6:00 p.m. No visitors
- 29—**Gypsy Sale & Bake Sale**, 10:00 a.m., Dance Hall

Upcoming Events

August 3 & 4 — Children's Weekend

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.

Scholarship Committee News - Breakfast at the Ravintola

Please join us on Sunday May 26, 8:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. for breakfast sponsored by the Scholarship Committee and **served by our Recipients** of the Edwin Ekhill Scholarship program! Your support is greatly appreciated! A raffle drawing will be held for a chance to win one of several prizes including restaurant and merchandise gift certificates. Calling all college students (parents welcome, too!) Sign up to get your work hours in by contacting the Scholarship Committee at email: scholarships@finncamp.org

Goat Yoga

After breakfast consider participating in our Finn Camp version of GOAT YOGA from 1:00 to 2:00 p.m. at Sun Lake! Holly, a certified yoga instructor will be at camp country to lead the class for the reasonable fee of only \$10.00 per person. Please bring a mat or beach towel. Sign up today by emailing the Scholarship Committee at scholarships@finncamp.org.

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. Players interested in joining can contact Bob O'Brien at 734-994-4401.

Friday Night Grill We need helpers to run the Friday Night Grill. If you are willing and able to help with shopping, preparing food, collecting payments or grilling please contact Bob O'Brien. This is a great way to start the weekend at Finn Camp and earn some of your work hours.

Spring Scramble Golf Outing

The annual men's spring classic golf outing is on Sunday, June 2 at the Riverbank Golf Course, 24095 Currie Rd., South Lyon (10 Mile and Currie). Registration starts at 8:00 a.m., with tee-offs at 9:00. Contact Dave Niemi for more details. Dneimi57@icloud.com

New Idea for Leaf Pickup!

This spring we are starting a new (and easier) way to clean up the leaves around your camp! All campers can participate by raking your leaves to the dirt lane directly associated with your individual camp. Please have them in a pile at your camp by May 4. Part of the Talkoo cleanup will be the collection of as many leaves as you have raked. The leaves will serve as mulch along the road to Sauna in order to smother the invasive creeping Bittersweet vines. Thank you for participating in this effort to eradicate these destructive vines. We are definitely making progress in our efforts to save our trees. Also, many native wildflowers, ferns and other herbs are making a come-back since they have more light and space.

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.

Need a Seamstress?

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



Sun-Lake Derby, Sunday June 9

Get yer fishin' on! Come down to Sun Lake for a family fun day with the Annual Fishing Derby. Registration begins at 9:00 a.m. with lunch starting around 12:00 noon. The \$5.00 registration fee includes lunch for both the fishers and non-fishers, burgers and dogs will also be available. Please bring a dish to pass. Note that the \$5.00 registration does not include guest's beach and/or sauna fees. If you're looking to get your hours in, here is a small snapshot:

Derby Chair/Co-Chair

- A. Assemble your team.
 - 1. Infrastructure - In charge of recruiting for Set-Up, Take-Down and making it happen.
 - Pole Barn goodies (tent, buckets, kiddie pool, grill) and picnic tables.
 - 2. Food – In charge of shopping, ice, recruiting cooks and equipment, set-up, and clean-up.
 - 3. Operations – In charge of supplies, registration, fishing prizes, 50/50 and prize raffles, and any additional planned activities
 - 4. Administration – In charge of sign-up sheets, flyers, newsletter submittal, and Facebook event page
- B. Coordinate your team on timeline and deadlines
- C. Be available during the function
- D. Sign and document work hour's cards
- E. Collect registration forms and receipts, and complete financial report and submit to Committee parents.

Beach Beautification

Come out to earn your hours at the beach beautification! We will be cleaning up our beach for the season, planting flowers, mowing grass and putting down mulch. Please bring your gardening tools. We look forward to making our beach beautiful.

More from the Rec. Committee....

Introducing Movie Night at Finn Camp. Once a month we will show family friendly movies in the dance hall. Popcorn and water will be provided. Please stay tuned for show times and movie selections.

Dates are June 8, July 27 and August 24

There is no cost, but donations will be gratefully accepted.

Friday, July 5 is tentatively scheduled for the swim registration, assessments and placements for our swim program. We are looking for a Swim Manager. For more information, please contact us. We would like to get some more activities going this year, for kids of all ages as well as the parents. If you have any thoughts and are interested in putting one together, let us know!

Photography Services

Personal, or Family Photographs taken outdoors at Finn Camp. Or in Sauna with approval and private. Watch the weather reports and buy your color coordinated apparel. Flexible schedule. Price can be coordinated depending on what you want, how many people, dogs, etc. Usually starts at \$50.00, but you own the photos and will be provided a CD. Connie-cclynny@aol.com

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.



Pesäpallo Points

Leave it to Finlanders to create their own version of baseball. Pesäpallo, Finland's national sport — often played in the countryside of Finland — may be equated to American baseball, but, with some very different rules. Pesäpallo packs a punch. With a fast pace, constant action, two four-inning periods, no game drags on. No outfield exists. No players strike out from a caught fly ball. Every pitched ball is played. While both teams simultaneously serve as fielders and batters, fielders continuously chase fly-balls as far as neighboring gas stations. Those batters sure can hit. In fact, pitchers pitch, not from a long range mound, but from an arm's length of the batter. They pop that ball vertically, and the batter strikes, then zig-zags to bases. You heard me right, they zig-zag, cause who wants to run in straight lines when zig-zagging to bases is so much cooler. Much what Lauri "Tahko" Pihkala, probably would've said as he thought up Pesäpallo during Babe-Ruth's heyday in the 1920's. He must've shared the same enthusiasm Finlanders still hold for their sport today. Most like attending Pesäpallo games to attending church. It's that sacred of an event that entire towns, sometimes thousands of fans, show up to cheer on players.

How exciting it is for us at Finncamp as we are planning a Pesäpallo game for this year's Juhannus celebration. Please do consider joining in on this one of a kind opportunity to either play Finland's national sport or cheer on our players. Thanks. See you at the game. ~Naomi Petäinen



The Future Planning Committee is sponsoring ten goats at Sun Lake May 25 – June 1, 2019. The goats will clear approximately one acre of vegetation, along the west side of the picnic area. Three new boat storage racks will be placed in the area the goats clear. The Twin Willow Ranch that will be supplying the goats. Twin Willow Ranch is a family business run by Denise and Mile Mourer, and has been supplying goats to different organizations in the area to maintain vegetation grown since 2012. The city of Ann Arbor, University of Michigan, and Michigan State University are some of the organizations that have used the goats. The state of California uses goats to control forest fires. The goats will eat invasive plants such as bitter sweet and poison ivy. You are welcome to view the goats at work, but please keep your distance from the electric fence.

Screenwriting Consulting

Have you ever wanted to learn screenwriting? One hour consults—everything you need to know to begin your story. If you enjoy it and want to continue, we can add more hours. 15 years and 17 screenplays of experience along with former consulting experience for a production company. Could be scheduled on sauna days or done online. Connie - cclynny@aol.com
1-313-492-8862



Kiss My Glass Nightlight Workshop - Spring Flowers

The Bar Committee is sponsoring another nightlight workshop on May 17, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. in the clubroom. The cost is \$23.00 and the class is limited to 30 people. Please sign up with Linda Gooden if you are interested. You can confirm via Facebook or email sisugoodie@gmail.com.

Masquerade Ball

Saturday, June 1 at 8:00 pm, in the dancehall. DJ Jaime will be spinning dance tunes, prizes for best Mask, 50/50, refreshments & peekaboo! Get your masks or make them, dress as you like & May the best most beautiful crazy mask win! Bar committee event, so you know it's gonna be good! Love, Sherry

Annual Membership Meeting

Board positions established at the April 28 Annual membership meeting:

- President, Bob O'Brien
- Vice President, Brad O'Neill
- Treasurer, Michelle L. Ebel
- Secretary, Leah Paukovits
- Works Administrators: Chris Nordin, Kevin Mack, Kevin Homola

Also; Caretaker is Gavin Wing Jr. and Beach Manager is Sherrv McKeever

Sisu Sister's Corner

Saturday June 29 will be our Gypsy Sale & Bake Sale in the Dancehall from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Please contact Denise Niemasz @ 248-640-0481 if you are interested in renting a table.

Saturday August 24th will be our delicious breakfast from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Then the Flotilla (A fleet of flotation devices tied together) will begin at Sun Lake from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Please come out to enjoy some fun with friends and a tasty lunch.

Saturday, September 14 will be our Craft Beer Tasting in the Dancehall. More details to follow...

The Finn Camp Cook Book is beginning to take shape. Recipe forms are available around the Finn Camp. Please share your favorite recipe with all of us. We are hoping to have Cook Books available for sale this summer.

We are always looking for members who enjoy gardening to help with the Butterfly Garden upkeep. Please contact Tammie King @ 248-624-6691 if you are interested in learning about Monarch Butterflies and their habitat.

This year our Spa Night at the Sauna will be November 15. All Ladies are welcome to join us for an evening of relaxation, a free Sauna, delicious food, professional massage, fun games, gift exchange and pre-holiday celebration with friends. Looking forward to seeing everyone around camp!

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

Condolences



Ron Edgar Nordin

Native of Sterling Heights, Michigan... a West-Sider. A committed family man and father of 6 children. Began his career as a stock broker, then quickly demonstrated a keen sense for commodities trading. After success in trading gold and silver, he transitioned his insight to the midwest steel industry. An entrepreneur at heart, and after working for some of the region's largest steel manufacturers as a leading salesperson, he branched off to form his own companies. In 1984, he founded Nordin Industries, a leading steel brokerage firm, and later Bulldog Steel Processing, which handled specialized fabrication of steel products nationally. Ron was a recognized antiquarian, a lifelong passion he pursued with his wife and best friend, Elayne. They were known in the industry as The Crazy Pair. After developing specialized knowledge of rare timepieces, he enrolled in school and became a certified horologist, capable of assessing value and repairing some of the most delicate and complicated instruments. He was a lover of music which he instilled in all of his children. A profound musician, himself, he played the guitar and harmonica. Playing the Blues was his passion. A lifetime member of the Detroit Finnish Cooperative Summer Camp Association, Wolverine

Knife Collectors Club and Michigan Antique Arms Collectors. Ron was dedicated to his family and community, playing an active role in Cub Scouts and local Youth Soccer leagues, always looking for more time with his children. In lieu of flowers, charitable contributions may be made to the American Heart Association or a charity of your choice. Survived by: Wife, Elayne (an East-Sider) for 57 years. 6 children: Michele(Andy), Erik (Mae), Chris (Michelle), Adam (Michele), Jennifer, Israel (Amanda). 8 Grandchildren: Josh, Nicole, Corey, Jacob, Lucille, Norah, Gus, Lilah, 1 Great-grandchild (Riley), 1 Sister: Ann Nickoloff (Carl), 1 Niece: Anita Yeager, 1 Nephew: Dr. Steven Nickoloff. To send flowers or a memorial gift to the family of Ronald Edgar Nordin please visit our [Sympathy Store](#). Memorial Visitation May 10, 12:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Memorial Service at 1:00 p.m.

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Sterling Heights, MI, 48314

Celebration of Life May 10, 5:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Owl and the Raven

4225 3rd Street

Detroit, MI, 48201



Our annual **Juhannus** celebration will be held on Saturday, June 22nd. The cost to attend this event is \$5 per person. Bring the family out early for food and games and enjoy the live band playing traditional Finnish music! Fun for all ages! We will have our 4th annual boot toss competition with a one-of-a-kind trophy for furthest throw! There will also be a horseshoe tournament, cornhole, & mölkky (a traditional Finnish game)! Come and check out Pesäpallo (Finnish Baseball) - a new addition to this years fun! The kitchen will be open Saturday from 3:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. and Sunday 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. for breakfast. The kokko (bonfire) will be lit at 10:00 p.m. and a D.J. will be playing in the dancehall after. Many work hours are required to make this event a success. A sign-up sheet for kitchen help will be posted at Sun Lake. A schedule for the day will be posted on our facebook page and included in the June newsletter - stay tuned! Contact Amber Martin at 248-770-9994 to donate prizes or schedule work hours.

FinnFest USA 2019, September 19 – 22 Update

FINNFEST USA PROGRAM OUTLINE

Four days, each very different, define the 2019 FinnFest USA program. Created to give Americans a chance to connect to a usually invisible culture in America, FinnFest USA is showcasing what Detroit can reveal about Finland and Finnish America. Using the automobile industry as a touchstone, the festival will re-visit topics like labor relation and artistic creation. The 175th anniversary of the birth of Minna Canth, Finland's pioneer author and feminist, will inspire discussions on contemporary literature and women's rights. Field trips will bring attendees to see Detroit as it has never been seen before in the context of Finnish America.

Thursday, during the day, will feature four options of seminars, classes, and field trips. That evening, FinnFest USA's traditional opening convocation will be a special concert held in a historic movie theatre house followed by a reception where people can meet old friends and begin new friendships to share over the weekend.

On Friday and Saturday, the Sheraton Detroit Novi will house a visible Finnish American community. The tori, the town square for FinnFest USA's 2019 pop-up town, will occupy the ballroom space. Many come just to experience this town square. BUT many discover that this Finnish American world includes music, food, special events and lots of panels and talks occurring throughout the hotel. Four to six panels and talks, held consecutively, will be spread across the day, two sessions in the morning and two in the afternoon, each session 1.5 hours in length. Each day the sessions will be different.

Friday evening and Saturday, Finnish Center and the Finn Camp will expand the town. On Friday, options will include: a concert, a dance, a film. On Saturday, two half day Finnish language immersion opportunities for youth aged 8 to 18 years old will be held at Finn Camp. Saturday evening will again offer concerts and opportunities to dance.

Saturday, Finnish Center will host a Scandinavian buffet, a "tasting menu" of Finnish food specialties, many featured in "Celebrations to Remember," a book written by master chef Soile Anderson and food editor Eleanor Ostman.

Soile will instruct and supervise the caterers to prepare a buffet that proves why Anderson, born in Finland, became the leading Minnesota caterer, feeding kings, presidents (including Obama) and the Dali Lama. Two seatings, September 21, late Saturday afternoon and early evening, will include an opportunity to purchase a copy of Soile's book.

Sunday will feature a worship service in Emmanuel Lutheran church, a mid-20th century modernism church building constructed by the Detroit Finnish American community in the 1950's. Finnish hymns sung in Finnish and English, texts read in Finnish and English, will be led by Dr. Jarmo Tarkki, ELCA & Church of Finland pastor.

The afternoon will offer a family fun day at the Finn Camp, a private open house for FinnFest attendees at Cranbrook, a bus tour of labor-history related site in Detroit, and Finnish folk music workshops and jams. Kardemimmit, a professional kantele ensemble from Finland, will close out the festival with a final concert and Fall equinox kokko in the evening.

Volunteer for FinnFest USA 2019

Volunteer to work before, during and after FinnFest USA 2019 to receive discounts off registration and events at <https://finnfest.us/>

A volunteer who:

- Serves on a planning/administration committee receives complimentary registration and discounts on ticketed events; name in program; and an invitation to FinnFest USA reception.
- Works two full days in the two weeks before start of festival receives \$60 off registration fee.
- Works one full day before the festival starts receives a 20% off registration fee.
- Works four hours during and/or after one festival day receives free registration for the rest of that day.
- Ushers at a concert receives a free seat at the concert.
- Works one full, festival day receives a 20% discount on registration fee for the other two festival days.

BOARD NOTES AND REMINDERS

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.

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.

Boats that are by the pole barn that are not claimed and removed by July 1, 2019 will be sold or scrapped.

The board would like to remind members that Michigan law prohibits anyone under the age of 21 to consume **alcohol** and to have any amount of **alcohol** in their body. The **law** prohibits the attempt to possess or consume **alcohol** by an **underage** person as well. It is not permitted for anyone under the age of 21 to sell, use, possess, attempt to possess, deliver, or be under any degree of influence (legal intoxication not required) of any alcoholic beverages on DFCSCA grounds.

As a reminder, Smoking is not allowed within 25-feet of any building entrance.

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.

Non-members whose stay in a camp exceeds three consecutive days and two consecutive nights in a 30-day period without a member present, or exceeds 10 days and 9 nights in a 30 day period with a member present must pay a rental fee of \$50 a week. Please see the Board Treasurer to sign a contract and provide payment.

Remember that animals must be on leash except in designated areas. See Blue Book rule 203.1.3

No open ground fires permitted.

The second phase of 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 2017, was completed over the 2018-2019 winter. The Board would like to thank all the members who participated by working on the tower itself, preparing materials, transporting materials and equipment, and any other activity that went into this tremendous project. The board would like to specifically thank Dell Aro, Karl Aro, Cody Barrons, Marty Boatman, Matt G, Larry Gooden, Max Halperin, Eric Holm, Mike Honka, Tammy King, Jim K, Erick Leskinen, Neal Leskinen, Kevin O'Brien, Riley O'Brien, Chris Rentola, Paul Salo, Tim Santti, Ginger Wing, and Bob Z. 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. 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

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.

Trash Rules: Dumpsters are for members use only! Do not put in large or long items that may wedge or jam the dumpster when being tipped into the garbage truck. No major dumping on festival weekends. No overfilling. No furniture, propane tanks, wood, construction materials or other large items are to be left in, by or around the dumpster. Large items can be placed at roadside near the tractor garage on Tuesdays for Wednesday pickup. Finn Camp or member construction materials can be placed in the dumpster by the pole barn.

Parking can be an issue in Camp Country. Please be courteous to other members and have guests park in designated areas. On the west side guests can park down by the restrooms and on the east side guests can park at the club room and walk over.

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 can 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."

The camp social director is Joni Sennhenn. Please contact Joni at 248-882-4626 to make a reservations 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.

BOARD AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Board of Directors

Sunday, May 19, at 9:00 a.m., visitors at 11:00 a.m.

Sunday, June 9. Camp inspections begin at 9:00 a.m.
Board meeting after inspections. Visitors at 11:00 a.m.

Future Planning

Thursday, May 2 at 7:30 p.m., boardroom

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