



DETROIT FINNISH COOPERATIVE SUMMER CAMP ASSOCIATION

FINN CAMP NEWSLETTER JULY 2019



Finn Camp members and guests enjoy the Kokko at Juhannus 2019

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

Annual FINN FEST - August 9th, 10th, and 11th, 2019

Preparations are underway for the annual festival and we **NEED YOUR HELP!!** The festivities begin about 5pm on Friday evening and will continue throughout the weekend with plenty of food and beverages, music and entertainment, raffles, horseshoes, games, kids activities, and of course – the softball tournament!!! This is the major fundraising event of the year and **REQUIRES** member participation! It is the perfect time to get some work hours in and support our Finn Camp! Workers are needed in **ALL** areas throughout the weekend **BUT** especially in the kitchen!! Remember – every hour counts, no matter the size of the task!! Get together with family and friends and work together in the kitchen or under the tent, setting up or cleaning up... **WE NEED YOU!!!!** Please give a couple of hours and pitch in to make our festival a success!! As was reported at the Annual Meeting in April, the current Finn Fest kitchen managers will be retiring after this year. I am officially recruiting a new team to take on the task of kitchen/food tent manager and asking you to come and shadow Greg, Chris, and Lisa this year to see what it's all about! Keep in mind, without this position filled, it would be impossible to continue with the festival. **The work hours sign-up sheets will be posted at the beach by July 7th**. For more information or if you have questions, suggestions, or new ideas, please contact Robyn Jokinen, Finn Fest Chairman by email, rbjokinen@gmail.com or cell phone 810-287-4591.

CALENDAR

July

- 5—Sun Lake Swim Registration / Assessment
- 11—Future Planning meeting, 6:30 p.m., boardroom
- 14—**Board Meeting**, 9:00 a.m. visitors
- 14—Children's Play Meeting, 12:00 noon, dancehall
- 27—Family Movie Night, 6:00 p.m., Dance Hall
- 31—**Board Meeting**, 6:00 p.m. no visitors

August

- 3 & 4—**Children's Weekend**
- 9,10,11—**Finn Fest**
- 18—**Board Meeting**, 9:00 a.m. visitors at 11:00 a.m.
- 24—**Sisu Sisters Breakfast and Flotilla**
- 28—**Board Meeting**, 6:00 p.m. no visitors

Upcoming Events

September 14 — Yoooper Night
October 5 — Craft Beer Tasting

Clubroom: Open Wednesday, Friday and Saturday, 7:00 p.m. to close

Sauna Hours:

Wednesday - 3:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Saturday - 3:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Sunday - 3:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

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

TACO WEDNESDAYS



Taco Wednesdays at the Kenttä from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. running every Wednesday with the last day August 14. For only \$5.00 a plate you may have a choice of hard, soft tacos, or nachos (mix & match) - *Sponsored by the Future Planning Committee*

Recreation Committee News

Calendar:

July 5 – 1:00 p.m., Swim Registration /Assessment (Sun Lake)

July 6 – August 2, Play practice, TBD

July 8 – August 2, Swim Lessons begin (Monday - Thursday), Sun Lake

July 13 – 7:30 p.m., Dance Party / Camp-In (Dancehall)

July 14 – 12:00 noon, Children's Play meeting, (Dance hall) Any kids interested in participating and anyone willing to help with should attend.

July 27 – 6:00 p.m., Family Movie Night, TBD (Dance hall) 8:00 p.m.

August 2 – Children's Play dress rehearsal / party (Dance hall)

August 3 – 1:00 p.m., Swim Meet (Sun Lake)

August 3 – 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m., Recreation Committee dinner (Ravintola)

August 3 – 8:00 p.m., Children's Play (Dance hall)

August 3 – 9ish (After Play), Children's Bake Sale (Kentta)

August 4 – 8:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m., Dad's-In-Charge Breakfast (Ravintola)

August 4 – 12:00 Noon, Children's Track Meet (George Aho Field)

Thanks so much for everyone that came out to the Fishing Derby to fish and enjoy a great lunch...and especially those helping prior to and during the event to create a relaxing and fun day.



Scott Taipala and his 24" pike.

Swim Program

Registration and testing for lessons are tentatively scheduled for Friday, July 5 at Sun Lake. Anyone that cannot make it on the 5th can be registered/assessed for class placement prior to lessons on July 8.

Member Rates - \$50 for 1 child, \$65 for 2 children, \$75 for 3 children. Please inquire if you have 4 or more children interested in lessons.

Non-Member Rates: \$75 for 1 child, \$130 for 2 children, \$180 for 3 children, \$200 for 4 children.

Please note that Non-Member's are responsible to pay for beach/sauna fees should they stay beyond the duration of the swimming lessons and must have a guest to sponsor them.

How this works. Parent will complete and sign the registration form and provide payment (cash or check only). The Instructor will test the child's current swim abilities (this means, please bring their swimsuits) and place them into groups. The Instructor will then establish times for each group that will begin the following Monday. Lessons for each group will be at the same time, Monday through Thursday with Fridays being reserved for a make-up day if earlier lessons were cancelled due to weather. The Instructor will put together various relays and activities for each group to perform at the Swim Meet on August 3. Following the Meet, watermelons are thrown into the lake for the kids to fetch and return to land and ribbons are handed out for their relays.

Note for members and children who are not involved in lessons: Please be reminded that swimming and/or traffic interfering with the lessons shall be avoided. Traffic through the shallow to get to shore should be minimal while the younger kids are having their lessons; and while the older kids are at the platform, the platform on the opposite side of the dock should be used for ingress and egress into/from the lake if not using the ladders at the end of the dock. Parents, please ensure your kiddos are reminded of this consideration. Once lesson times are set, they will be posted on the sauna building.

Recreation News continued:

Dance Party/Camp-In (Dancehall)

Saturday, July 13 at 7:30 p.m. Bring your dancin' shoes and your best moves to our first Dance Party and Camp-In for kids of all ages ...and get ready to LIMBO!! We have a plethora of indoor and outdoor games, we'll cook up some s'mores and we'll have a short movie towards the end of the night for the little ones to get settled in/down. Link for the Dance Party Sign-Up: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050F44AEAD23A5FB6-dance>

Please bring a snack to share for our food table, a refillable water bottle and whatever sleeping necessities (we will have an air pump on site for those bringing air mattresses). A cereal and fruit breakfast will be served up for the 'campers' in the kentta the next morning. If you would like to donate any items for breakfast, please click [here](#) for the Sign-Up Genius link, email us at recreation@finncamp.org or message / text to 248-854-1518.

Children under 10 must be accompanied by an adult. If your child(ren) do not sleep well, they also must be chaperoned.

Family Movie Night (Dancehall)

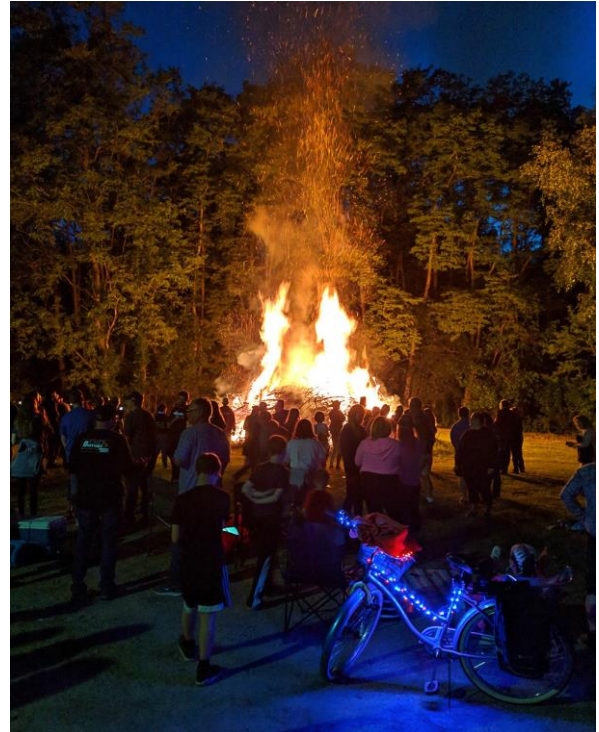
Saturday, July 27 at 6:00 p.m. Free of charge, but donations will be gladly accepted. We will have free popcorn for all guests. Please bring a refillable water bottle or drink of your choice; bean bag, pillows, or camp chair as well if you don't want to sit on the floor!

Children under 10 must be accompanied by an adult. (Please prearrange as needed, but James and I don't want to be responsible for a ton of kids with no parents.) Jenny Emery (248-935-7893)

Children's Play

With the wide array of kids' ages, we are looking at doing multiple acts/plays to please both the kids of all ages and adults of all ages. Scheduling of the practices will be determined once the plays and participants are in place; the Friday night dress rehearsal (August 2) is mandatory. If you are interested to help out with taking on an act/play, lighting, sound or set, please let us know at recreation@finncamp.org, or at the Sign-Up Genius [here](#) or message /text 248-854-1518. Link for Children's Play:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050F44AEAD23A5FB6-childrens>



Juhannus kokko by Neil Leskinen

Juhannus 2019 was a great success!

Kittos to all who came out for our Juhannus celebration! We could not have asked for a better day! The day started with a Horseshoe Tournament, won by Jim Leppi and Marty Hill. A pickup game of Pesäpallo was played by young and old, men and women. How fun that was to watch! That was followed by our fourth annual boot toss competition. Cody Patterson won furthest throw with a toss of 124 feet! The kitchen was busy from open to close. The kokko was HOT and so was the Finnish band! Outdoor games were played throughout the day and even into the late night hours! After the kokko, people of all ages enjoyed the DJ who played in the dancehall. If that wasn't your style, the Finnish Band continued the celebration downstairs in the clubroom. Camp country was packed, the beach was busy all weekend, and the turnout for the kokko surpassed expectations! A SPECIAL KITTOS to those who made it happen; Greg Peltö & all of our wonderful kitchen volunteers; Kokko Master Mike Honka; Tammy King - who showed up in the morning to make sure the kentta & outdoor areas were cleaned up; Bob O'Brien & Jouni Virtamo for bringing us the Finnish games and creating new traditions; The King Steve Niemi and the band; And EVERYONE ELSE who pitched in to lend a hand. Now let's get that pile ready for next year! – Amber Martin

Sisu Sister's Corner

The Finn Camp Cook Book is beginning to take shape. However, there seems to be some confusion about the recipe requests. Of course, we would LOVE Finnish recipes to be in the Cookbook, however we are really looking for a couple recipes from each family. Whether it's your favorite recipe from your grandparents, parents or your family favorite go-to meal. A cookbook is made of recipes of history and love.

All categories are welcome: Breakfast, Baked Goods, Soups, Lunch, Appetizers, Dinner, Desserts, Drinks

We are also looking for old photos of your family sharing a meal together. You can scan a photo and send it to: denise_niemasz@att.net or give it to Tammie King or Denise. All original photos will be returned to you. Be sure to label your photo. We are extending the deadline to July 12. Please help us make this the best cookbook yet!

Saturday, August 24 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, October 5 will be our Craft Beer Tasting in the Dancehall. More details to follow...

Friday, November 15 will be our Spa Night at the Sauna. 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.

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.

Cultural Committee News

The Cultural Committee is creating a display of old Finn Camp Pictures in the Club Room and would like interesting old photos you may have to include in the display. The Finn Camp was founded in 1925 so we are looking for photos 50+ years old. Building and group photos 30+ years old may also be appropriate as we would like to show the evolving culture of the Finn Camp. Please email old interesting photos to Beverly at bjokinen@comcast.net with a sentence or two describing the photo. If you don't have an electronic file of photos that are 50+ years and would like to include them please contact Beverly at 248-207-1850.

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.

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.



FinnFest USA - September 19-22, 2019

Finn Camp members, Carol Melancon, Robyn Jokinen and Bob O'Brien, have been busy working with FinnFest USA planning events and activities that will be at the Finn Camp. In return for sharing its facilities, Finn Camp receives a complimentary 6-foot booth at the tori (marketplace); a full-page ad in the FinnFest USA program book; a list of all Detroit-area registrants; and has its logo on the FFUSA 2019 website. Sauna reservation and Saturday supper fees collected via the FFUSA 2019 website will be transferred to Finn Camp. Profits from food and beverage sales and items sold at Finn Camp's gift shop and at the tori, belong to the Finn Camp. Musician and language class fees are paid by FFUSA 2019.

Finn Camp Events

Thursday, September 19

- 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.: Tulkaa Oppimaan! Finnish Language Camp for Adults
- 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.: Sauna session

Friday, September 20

- 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.: Sauna session
- 5:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.: Finn Folk concert

Saturday, September 21

- 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.: Finnish language and culture camp for kids
- 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.: Open music jam
- 8:30 p.m. - 11:30 p.m.: Finn Hall concert/dance; optional dinner of mojakka or pasty

Sunday, September 22

- Afternoon Family Fun Day of Finnish & Finnish American activities

FinnFest USA Registration

There are two types of registration for FinnFest USA 2019:

Festival Registration: Registration for the full three-day festival or for one or two festival days, is required to receive:

- Unlimited admission to the tori, the panel presentations, the exhibits, documentary films for those days you are registered
- Free ticket (please reserve) to the evening concerts for those days you are registered.
- 15% discount on all seminars and classes on Thursday.
- 15% discount on the Smorgasbord dinner on Saturday.
- Program book with full schedule and maps and background information.
- Access to shuttle service (purchased separately) to sites away from the Sheraton.
- Full or two-day Saturday/Sunday or one-day Sunday registration fee permits registrant to purchase the exclusive private open houses at the Cranbrook Museum and Saarinen House. *This Sunday-afternoon event requires advance purchase.*
- Here's the link for festival registration: <https://finnfest.us/festival-registration/> . FinnFest USA has extended its early bird registration until July 15.

Event Registration: *Festival Registration is not required to attend events.* You can pick and choose individual events listed at <https://finnfest.us/festival-events/> . Events at Finn Camp: Thursday's adult language class is \$90; Friday's Finn Folk concert is \$15; Saturday's Finn Hall concert is \$15; and Saturday's children's language/culture camp is \$25 per child. Tori admission is \$5 per day and is paid at the door. Keep checking <https://finnfest.us/finnfest-2019/> for event updates and additions!



Yooper Night

Reserve your seats now for this year's Yooper Night at Comerica Park on Saturday, September 14. Detroit Tigers vs. Baltimore Orioles. Game time is 6:10 p.m. The bus will be leaving the clubroom parking lot PROMPTLY at 4:00 PM. The cost is \$45.00 per person and includes a game ticket, round trip transportation and a Tigers/Yooper hat (pictured below). Please contact Linda Gooden at sisugoodie@gmail.com or 248.894.0974. Include your contact information (email and/or phone) and the number of tickets you would like to reserve. Payment is due by August 3, 2019. You may pay by cash or check in the drop box at the clubroom (mark your envelope "Yooper Night") or you may use PayPal treasurer@finncamp.org. You must select "Transfer to Friends & Family" and pay directly from your PayPal or bank account to avoid a fee.



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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

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, and 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.

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.

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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.

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, July 14, 9:00 a.m., visitors at 11:00 a.m.
Wednesday, July 31, 6:00 p.m., no visitors

Future Planning

Thursday, July 11, 6:30 p.m., boardroom

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