



DETROIT FINNISH COOPERATIVE SUMMER CAMP ASSOCIATION

FINN CAMP NEWSLETTER

AUGUST 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

43rd Annual Finn Fest—August 9th, 10th, and 11th, 2019

It's **FESTIVAL time!!** Mark your calendars and plan to support this major fundraising event. This is a great time to get some of your work hours in, catch up with other members and friends, and cheer on our own Finn Camp Voima team in the softball tournament!!

Friday kicks off the festival weekend with the kitchen and beer truck opening at 5:00 p.m., followed by the Home Run Derby beginning about 6:30 p.m. Come see how many of the big hitters can still knock 'em into the woods! We will continue in to the evening with music and dancing in the Clubroom!

Saturday the kitchen will open for breakfast at 8:00 a.m., with food available all day in the *Ravintola* and food tent. The softball tournament also begins at 8:00 a.m. with games on the Finn Camp's George Aho Memorial Field and the Gilbert Willis Park fields. Flag raising ceremonies will be at 11:00 a.m. with music and entertainment continuing from the Dance Hall porch through the afternoon. There will be 50/50 raffles, prize raffles sponsored by the Scholarship Committee, kids activities and other games for all ages sponsored by the Recreation Committee, 'Round Robin' horseshoes and Fowling tournaments, and the sale of Finn Camp merchandise throughout the day.

CALENDAR

August

- 1—Future Planning Committee, 6:30 p.m., boardroom
- 3 & 4—**Children's Weekend**
- 9,10,11—**Finn Fest**
- 17—**Sisu Sisters Breakfast and Flotilla**
- 18—**Board Meeting**, 9:00 a.m., visitors at 11:00 a.m.
- 28—**Board Meeting**, 6:00 p.m. no visitors

September

- 1—**Labor Day Golf Tournament**, 12:00 noon, Hickory Hills Golf Course - Wixom
- 5—Future Planning Committee, 6:30 p.m., boardroom
- 7—**Campers Picnic**, 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., outside clubroom
- 14—**Yoooper Night**
- 19,20,21,22—**Finn Fest USA**

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*

Finn Fest continued:

Save some room on your dance card and join us for some fun in the Dance Hall to close out the evening!!

Sunday FUNday, and we will do it all over again! The kitchen will open for breakfast at 8:00 a.m. with food available all day. Softball will continue on all three fields with the championship game on our "A" Field in the late afternoon/early evening, followed immediately by trophy presentation. Music, raffles, horseshoes, and other activities will continue as well.

Many members are needed to work in all areas throughout the weekend, especially in the security and kitchen areas. As a member of a *cooperative association*, please participate by giving a few hours of your time to pitch in and help make our festival successful! Every hour counts, and no task is too small—WE NEED YOUR HELP!!! PLEASE – Come out to support your Finn Camp and our 42nd Annual Finn Fest!!!

Work hours sign-up sheets are posted at Sun Lake Beach, or contact Robyn directly for other available options for hours. REMINDER – We are looking for a new team to take over kitchen manager detail if Finn Fest is going to continue. Please contact Robyn or Greg!!!

For further information or questions, contact **Robyn Jokinen, Finn Fest Chairman**, by email at rbjokinen@gmail.com or by cell phone at 810-287-4591.

Labor Day Golf Tournament.

Finn Camp's Annual Labor Day Open Invitational Golf Tournament at Hickory Hill Golf Course is on Sunday, September 1. This is a scrambles tournament. Tee times are from 12:00 noon to 2:00 p.m. First come first served. There will be nominal entry fees plus greens fees and optional cart rental. This event is open to all members. BBQ after tournament at Sun Lake. See or call Mary or Rob Johnson for more details and to sign up. 248-624-4568

Recreation Committee Calendar

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)

August 24 – 6:00 p.m., Family Movie Night, Dance Hall. Movie TBD.

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/8050F44AEA D23A5FB6-childrens>

Campers' Picnic

Our traditional end-of-season campers' picnic will be Saturday, September 7 from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. rain or shine outside the Clubroom. The Association will as usual provide hotdogs, buns and condiments as well as two tickets per membership that can be used for beverages in the bar. Please bring your own roasting sticks. Come out and share a great time with your fellow members!

Scholarship Committee News

The Scholarship Committee would like to thank and request that are members support the following establishments:

Bogie Lake Greenhouse - White lake

Dave and Amy's - Walled Lake

Riverbank Golf Club - South Lyon

Benstein Grille – Commerce

New Hudson Inn – New Hudson

-Edwin Elkhill Scholarship Committee

Quotes from Student 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 Finn’s.”

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

“I am extremely grateful for what the Edwin Elkhill 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 Elkhill Scholarship to thank for helping me make this possible.”

“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.”

Sisu Sister's Corner

We have all the recipes for the cookbook and are putting everything together so we can send to the printer. Thank you everyone for your participation. It was a slow start, but we finished STRONG! It will take a few more weeks for production so look for them for sale, hopefully mid August.

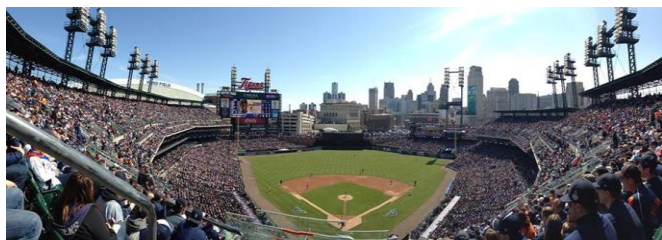
There was an error in last month's newsletter regarding the date of the Breakfast and Flotilla. We mistakenly put it as August 24, but it is actually August 17. We apologize for the mistake.

Our Craft Beer Tasting is scheduled for October 5. More details to come.

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.

The grounds look beautiful and are in full bloom. The monarchs are enjoying the milkweed. We hope everyone is taking advantage of the herb garden. That is a perfect opportunity to experiment with different flavors in your cooking.

We are always looking for members who enjoy gardening to help with the maintenance of the Butterfly Garden. If you need hours, please let Tammie King or Denise Niemasz know.



Yooper Night

The Yooper Tiger Game is Saturday, September 14 for a 6:10p game. **The last day to reserve your spot is August 3.** Cost is only \$45.00 per person and includes round trip motor coach transportation, game ticket and Yooper Tiger hat at the game. Detroit Tigers vs. Baltimore Orioles. The bus will be leaving the clubroom parking lot PROMPTLY at 4:00 PM. Please RSVP Linda Gooden on the Finn Camp Members only page, 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.



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.

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



Family Movie Night on July 27 had Dumbo and The Greatest Showman movies.

FINNFEST USA UPDATE – September 18-22, 2019

“The Funniest Person in the World” (2014)--Finnish comedian, Ismo Leikola--will perform on Wednesday, September 18, at 8pm in the Farmington Civic Theatre. Get your tickets early—*this event is expected to sell out fast!* Tickets are available online at <https://finnfest.us/festival-events/>.

Family Fun Day Activities at Finn Camp—so far!

Sähly (floorball) is a type of floor hockey with 5 players and a goalkeeper on each team. Long sticks and a plastic ball with holes are used to play matches of three 20-minute periods.

Mölkky is a Finnish throwing game similar to the ancient Karelian game of kyykka. Invented in 1996, mölkky is enjoyable for all ages.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Zcii8DG2Esc>

Tikkataulu (Darts) originated in 1930 with darts made of nails, wood and cardboard thrown at a “dartboard” of 10 circles drawn on the side of a tree. Today’s game is still played outdoors but uses an actual dartboard and darts.

Boot Toss has been popular in Finland since 1976—and at Finn Camp’s Juhannus since 2016! The one who throws the boot the farthest wins!

Pesäpallo made its debut in Finland in the 1920s and is now considered the country’s national sport. A ball is thrown vertically into the air above the batter’s head. There are 9 defense and 12 offense players on the playing field.

Hobby Horse Competition is a fast-growing craze in Finland that is spreading into other European countries. It uses home-made and store-bought hobby horses in organized equestrian events.

Nordic Walking is a health-promoting physical activity enjoyable by both non-athletes and athletes alike. Walkers use specially designed walking poles similar to ski poles. (*Nordic poles will be available for purchase at the tori.*)

“Finnish Log Construction: The Art” – Finlandia Foundation National’s Lecturer of the Year, Frank Eld, will share his knowledge of and passion for the unique log construction brought to North America by Finnish immigrants in his talk and demonstrations of the handcrafted structures.

Health Benefits of Sauna – Finnleo representative Craig Lahti will talk about the numerous health benefits of sauna. (*Location of presentation may be moved to Sheraton Novi.*)

Walking Tour of Finn Camp designed for first-time guests at the Finn Camp.

Horseshoes, cornhole, pickleball, basketball, etc., will also be available.

If you would like to volunteer or work hours for Sunday’s event or would like to play Pesäpallo, please contact Carol Melancon at finnculture@yahoo.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.

FinnFest USA Continued; 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!

Need a Seamstress?

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

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

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.

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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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, August 18, 9:00 a.m., visitors at 11:00 a.m.
Wednesday, August 28, 6:00 p.m., no visitors

Future Planning

Thursday, August 1, 6:30 p.m., boardroom

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