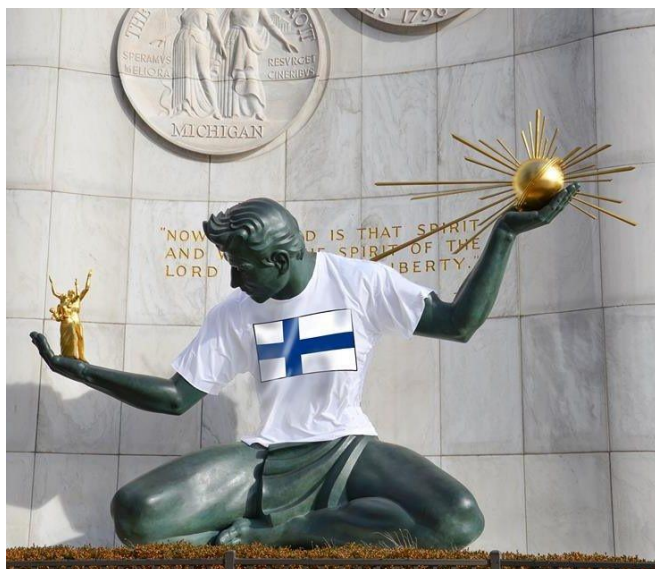




DETROIT FINNISH COOPERATIVE SUMMER CAMP ASSOCIATION

FINN CAMP NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER 2019



UPCOMING EVENTS

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

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

Campers' Picnic

Our traditional end-of-season campers' picnic will be Saturday, September 7 from 7:00 p.m. 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!

CALENDAR

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
- 8—**Board Meeting**, 9:00 a.m., visitors at 11:00 a.m.
- 13—**Fall Tree Nightlight Workshop** 7:00 p.m., Clubroom
- 14—**Yoooper Night**, Bus promptly departs at 4:00 p.m.
- 19, 20, 21, 22—**Finn Fest USA**
- 28—**Camp Crawl**, 5:00 p.m.

October

- 3—Future Planning Committee, 6:30 p.m., boardroom
- 5—**Craft Beer Tasting**, 7:00 p.m., Dance Hall
- 20—**Board Meeting**, 9:00 a.m., visitors at 11:00 a.m.
- 27—**Semiannual membership Meeting**, 12:00 noon, clubroom. Registration begins at 11:00 a.m.

Starting after Labor Day

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

The Scholarship Committee would like to thank and request that all 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

More Quotes from Student Scholarship Applications

“(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 Elkhill 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.”



Fall Tree Nightlight Workshop

The Bar Committee is sponsoring a Fall Tree nightlight workshop. The cost is \$23.00 per nightlight, and the class is limited to 30 people. The class is scheduled for Friday, September 13 at 7:00 p.m. in the Clubroom. Please sign up with Linda Gooden if you are interested. You can confirm via Facebook or email sisugoodie@gmail.com.



Yooper Night

The Yooper Tiger Game is Saturday, September 14 for a 6:10 p.m. game. Detroit Tigers vs. Baltimore Orioles. The bus will be leaving the clubroom parking lot PROMPTLY at 4:00 PM.

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.



43rd Annual FINN FEST

WOW – we could not have had a better weather for our weekend and the first in many years with NO rain!!! It was a great crowd this year too – so many of our Finn Camp members and friends were here throughout the weekend to enjoy the traditional festival foods, music from the Dancehall porch, shopping in the Finn Camp Store, horseshoes and corn-hole games, raffles, dancing into the night, and cheering on some great softball teams!

Congratulations to the 2019 Finn Fest tournament champions, Team Merken with runner-up going to Hodges Supply and Boom Renovation taking 3rd place. And what a way to kick-off our weekend than with a record number of participants in our Home Run Derby!! Congrats to those winners: 1st place was Zachary Goleniak, 2nd place to Mikey Evans, and 3rd place to our VoimaBoy team member, Trevor MacDonald!!! Congrats also to our 'Round-Robin' horseshoe tournament winners: Mike Boren & Randy Tucker. 2nd place went to Jacob Hill & Kory Spence. The Scholarship committee's card raffle winner was Nikki Vradenburg!!!

KIITOS to our members and members' children who were here to work their hours at the festival – without you, we have no festival!!! Thank you, thank you, thank you to those of you that are 'regulars' and work this event every year as well as those that are new members and came to join us for the first time!! So much work is done to pull this event together and make it successful. Every bit of help and effort is important and **I truly appreciate all of you!!**

Finally, thanks to the entire FINN FEST team: Greg Pelto, Chris & Lisa Santti managing all the good eats in the kitchen and food tent; Wayne Jokinen, Ray Malila, Denny Sennhenn, bar committee members, and beer tent workers for keeping our glasses full; to Dick Pype for singing our National Anthem & managing the ticket sales and cashiers; Tina Santti for assists with financial & bookkeeping details; to Steve Niemi for singing the Finnish National Anthem, providing sound across the grounds and, with friends, entertaining us with their musical talents. Patti Leppi for Finn Camp merchandise, to our Scholarship committee for the large raffle and silent auction table. Thank you to the Melissa Baker for managing kids games & activities that kept the kids smiling. Thank you to Linda Gooden for creating the great picture boards from Finn Fests past – great memories!! To Denny Shaheen for pulling together the horseshoe tournament! Thank you to Jeff Pype for another awesome softball tournament and to Todd Pype, Don Matt, and Eric Solin for the assist on field maintenance and to Bob O'Brien for handling the Home Run Derby! Thanks to Larry Gooden for managing security detail and with David Taipala, Drew Pype, Matt Wendolowski, and Nathan Evans for the grueling task of getting the border fencing up and down for our event! Last, but not least, a shout out to our Caretakers, Gavin Wing and Cory Sturr, for picking up after all of us – all weekend!!

Finn Fest remains a grand Finn Camp tradition and our largest fundraiser! We NEED members to come out to work and continue to support this event! But more importantly, in order to continue with our festival, I NEED a team to step up to manage the kitchen/food tent areas. We will review and discuss further at the Semi-Annual Membership meeting in October and I will schedule a planning/discussion meeting for November. PLEASE – think about how you can help and plan to give some of your time next year!! Please feel free to reach out to me and/or Greg Pelto for additional information regarding the kitchen operations.

Robyn Jokinen, Finn Fest Chairman
Email: rbjokinen@gmail.com
Cell phone/Text: 810.287.4591



Finn Fest Kitchen Crew

Greg Pelto, Chris Santti and Lisa Santti have ran the kitchen for the past twenty Finn Fests'. All three are turning in their aprons and retiring from the kitchen. Thank you!

Camp Crawl

The Bar committee sponsored camp crawl is scheduled for Saturday, September 28 at 5:00 p.m. Please participate in this year's Camp Crawl! It's simple ... host your camp as a stop along the route. Show off your camp and if you wish, share your favorite food or beverage. If you don't have a camp, co-host with someone who does. New this year – we will stop by the Clubroom at the 'turn'!

If you are interested in hosting (and/or co-hosting), please RSVP by September 20th to Sisugoodie@gmail.com or the Finn Camp Members page and provide your name, camp #, email address and phone number. Thanks!!!

Sisu Sister's Corner

Greetings Everyone, we would like to say thank you to everyone for sending in their recipes, pictures and placing an ad. The cookbook is in the printers hands now. Hopefully it will be available to purchase the weekend of Finn Fest USA. Cookbooks will be a Great Holiday gift as well. Please let Tammie King or Denise Niemasz know if you would like to purchase one or two.

tammie@tammieking.com or
denise_niemasz@att.net

We would also like to thank everyone for coming out for our Breakfast & Flotilla. We enjoyed seeing all of you at both events.

The Craft Beer tasting is Saturday October 5, 2019. We will be serving a variety of local Breweries Craft Beer Samples.

Price is \$25.00 per person with tickets purchased in advance. \$30.00 at the door if we have any tickets available. The Beer Samples will be served from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. A variety of tasty snacks will be served during event. We are planning to have the event in the Dancehall weather permitting. Please contact Mark Niemasz or Denise Niemasz for advance tickets.

Ladies Spa Night at the Sauna is Friday, November 15, 2019 from 7:00 p.m to 10:00 p.m. More details to follow. Hope to see you there.

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.

Not just the ABC's

With talk of the new school year comes talk of quality education. Scholarly articles show the Finnish Education system is one of the best in the world. It has no standardized tests, no private schools, no rigorous stressors. No child enrolls before the age of six. School days begin later and end earlier. Environments are laid back and require less homework and less outside work. Less teachers are hired, and those who are must acquire a Master's Degree. They strive to teach the whole child using holistic methods. To develop team-workers, emphasis is put on learning to cooperate with peers instead of pressuring to compete. As a parent of a young school-age child, I think Finland may be doing something right. Finland may have the insight and examples to provide positive change for education systems in other countries. ~Naomi Petäinen



Irene Nassko

Former member Irene Nassko just celebrated her 100th Birthday!



Pickle-ball Play

Like tennis? You might like pickle-ball. American, Ray Schiltz introduced the sport to Finland in 2014 when he relocated there with his wife. With a racquet and a ball packed in his luggage, he hoped to find a pickle-ball partner. Tuomo Antikainen, another fan of the sport, filled the ticket. Together, their enthusiasm spurred a pickle-ball revolution. In one year's time, a pickle-ball championship was held in Helsinki. Today, the sport is played in over seventy Finnish cities including in schools, exercise facilities and rehabilitation centers.

Similar to tennis, pickle-ball is a sport played in doubles or singles. Yet, contrary to tennis, pickleball requires servers to hit with an underhand swing. The ball must reach the opposite side of the net on a diagonal, and bounce in the court's defined parameters, or the server will be at fault and lose the ball to the opposing team. If the server is not at fault, they can retain the ball until a fault is made. Whichever team receives eleven points first is declared the winner. Get in the spirit for Finn-fest this year. Try a pickle-ball game or two. Want more information on specific rules, check out — <https://www.pickleballfinland.fi/rules>
~Naomi Petäinen

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

FinnFest USA 2019 Update

FinnFest USA 2019 is almost here! September 18-22, 2019. Most festival sessions and events will take place at the Sheraton Detroit Novi with Finn Camp, Finnish Center and Farmington Civic Theatre hosting many others. There will be seminars, workshops, cooking classes, field trips and concerts throughout the weekend, each providing opportunities for all ages to learn about Finnish heritage and culture.

The popular tori, or marketplace, featuring Finnish imports, Finnish American themed items, food and music will be at the Sheraton Detroit Novi on Thursday from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Friday and Saturday from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and on Sunday from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Admission is \$5.00 / day.

Finnish Comedian, Ismo Leikola, performs at the Farmington Civic Theatre on Wednesday at 8:00 p.m. Check FFUSA's website for ticket availability.

Finn Camp is offering festival goers a chance to experience a "real" Finnish sauna while in the Detroit area. Sessions are on Thursday and Friday from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Both days require online registration and are \$15.00 per person. (**Note: Regular sauna is not affected—Finn Camp members can still enjoy Wednesday and Saturday saunas at member rates and times.**)

On Thursday, from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m, Tulkaa Oppimaan! Finnish Language Camp offers adults an opportunity to learn, relearn or improve their Finnish and to experience Finnish culture. Class is in the dance hall and includes a traditional Finnish lunch of pea soup and two coffee & pulla breaks. (Saturday's children's language class has been cancelled.)

On Friday evening at 5:30 p.m. in the dance hall, FinnFolk pays tribute to Finnish American legend, Viola Turpeinen. (Viola was a frequent guest at the Finn Camp in the 1950s.) Online registration is \$15.00 per person.

Saturday's Finn Hall concert starts with a jam session at 7:00 p.m. followed by a concert and dance at 8:30 p.m. Online registration is \$15.00 per person. (Order a pasty or mojakka supper online for \$10.00 Supper is served at 6:00 p.m. in the ravintola.)

Sunday is Family Fun Day at the Finn Camp. Finnish and Finnish American games and activities are planned. **Festival registration is required.**

Work hours sign-up sheets are posted at the sauna. (Workers do not have to register for the event they work at.)

Contact FFUSA Registration Coordinator, Erika Gueli, at volunteer@finnfest.us to learn how you can receive discounted registration by volunteering to work before, during and after FinnFest USA.

Visit <https://finnfest.us/finnfest-2019/> for a complete listing of events and registration.

FinnFest USA Registration

There are two types of registration for FinnFest USA 2019:

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

- Unlimited admission to the tori, presentations, exhibits and films for the days you are registered
- Admission (please reserve) to evening concerts for days you are registered.
- 15% discount on Thursday's seminars and classes and Saturday's Smorgasbord dinner.
- 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.*
- <https://finnfest.us/festival-registration/>

Event Registration: *Festival Registration is not required to attend events.* You can pick and choose individual events listed at <https://finnfest.us/festival-events/>

BOARD NOTES AND REMINDERS

Finn Fest USA is right around the corner. We will have many guests visiting Camp Country. Please take a minute and tidy up your camp area.



The Board is accepting sealed bids for the John Deere 25A Flail mower. Bids must start at \$2,000 and will be accepted until November 30.

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.

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.

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, September 8, 9:00 a.m., visitors at 11:00 a.m.

Future Planning

Thursday, September 5, 6:30 p.m., boardroom

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

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