



FINN CAMP NEWSLETTER

MARCH 2020



Polar plunge during Winterfest 2020

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

St. Urho's Party

Saint Urho's will be celebrated on Saturday, March 14 at 7:30 p.m. in the clubroom. We will have pasties, snacks, dancing, free pool and the crowning of the 2020 King and Queen. The Finnhoppers will also be performing. The 2nd Annual St. Urho's dart game competition begins at 7:45 p.m. So get your purple and green on and get out your grapes and grasshoppers and come celebrate with us. This function can't continue without your support! We hope to see all the previous Kings and Queens. The cost is \$6.00 per person. If you have any ideas or want to work hours please contact Ginger Wing 248-5359383. wing.ginger@yahoo.com
Thanks!

CALENDAR

March

- 5—Future Planning Committee, 6:30 p.m., boardroom
- 8—Forest Management committee, meet at the pole barn, 10:00 a.m.
- 14—**St. Urho's Party**, 7:30 p.m., clubroom
- 22—Board Meeting, 9:00 a.m., visitors at 11:00 a.m.

April

- 2—Future Planning Committee, 6:30 p.m., boardroom
- 19—Forest Management committee, meet at the pole barn, 10:00 a.m.
- 19—Board Meeting, 9:00 a.m., visitors at 11:00 a.m.
- 26—**Annual Membership Meeting**, 12:00 noon. Registration begins at 11:00 a.m., clubroom.

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.





St. Urho's Queen Beverly Jokinen and King Steve Niemi will relinquish their crowns to the next King and Queen on March 14.

Winterfest Follow Up

Winterfest was a huge hit again this year. We had a beautiful day. The snow was falling but the temperatures weren't. It was a perfect Michigan "Finland" day. We had a great turn out. Many people braved the lake and jumped in. Others watched from the shore, cooking hotdogs and s'mores. The winners of the Chili Cook Off were; 1st Place – Rob Zewatsky, 2nd Place – Sue Niemasz, 3rd Place – Janene Simmons. Congratulations! Dancing began after the food was put away. The Redones – "outdone" themselves. Thank you to all who helped, whether it was set up, sign up, raffle tickets, 50/50 tickets, chili cookoff, or clean up. We couldn't do it without everyone that pitched in. Kiitos paljon!

From the Auditors The Finn Camp Store, Recreation Committee and Sisu Sisters are required to turn in their financial records for the year to any one of the auditors (Greg Pelto, Sam Dernberger, Carol Barber, Kristen Tury), or give them to a board member to put on the Boardroom table. We need the inventory from the store and the cash records from both the Sisu Sisters and the Recreation Committee by February 28. The year's reports should be submitted no later than March 31. We will have them back to you as soon as we can.

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

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

Condolences



Douglas Norman Laurila

October 16, 1958 - January 16, 2020. Douglas Norman Laurila, age 61, was born in Highland Park, Michigan and resided in Wixom, Michigan. Dear son of the late Norman (Louise), Dear brother of Sharon (Kyle) Smith and Sheila Laurila. Uncle of Brock, Corinne and Sean.

Douglas loved the state of Michigan and the outdoors, especially the Upper Peninsula. He spent his time Hunting and fishing. Douglas was a member of the Finn Camp and the Finnish Center Association. He worked on our ice makers and had a camp across from the power house with pink flamingos. There was a celebration of life at the Finnish Center, Farmington Hills, MI. To plant a tree in memory of Douglas Laurila, please visit our [Tribute Store](#). Our condolences to the Douglas family.

Annual Membership Meeting

The 2019 Annual Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, April 26 in the Clubroom beginning at 12:00 noon. Registration begins at 11:00 a.m. It is very important that members attend the meeting. Many issues will be discussed and voted on. Please come to the meeting and be a part of the decision making process of our association. Lunch will be provided and a free sauna will be available to all attendees after the meeting.



Sisu Sisters Corner

Greeting Finn Campers. The Finn Camp Cookbook is available for purchase in the Gift Store. \$5.00 each or five for \$20.00 Is anyone is looking for hours? We need help opening up the Butterfly Garden area the beginning of April. Please call Tammie at 248-624-6691 to make a plan. Think Spring!

Juhannus Pictures Needed

Attention all members: Juhannus pictures needed! The older the better but all pictures welcome! Email to:

ambersennhenn@gmail.com.

Specifically I'm looking for pictures of the kokko or any other cultural thing from past Juhannus (maypole, etc.). Kiitos!

- Amber Martin

Recreation Committee News

Big thanks to everyone who came out for the spaghetti dinner fundraisers. A new season will shortly be upon us and once again we ask for volunteers to help with all the great projects and events we put on. Please contact us at recreation@finncamp.org if you are able to help out with our Fishing Derby in June and swim lessons in early July. We always seek assistance with our Children's weekend in early August with the Kid's play, Bake Sale, Sunday Dad's Breakfast and Track Meet. As always you can get your work hours in and have a great time working with our Youth.

Lakes Area Bait Shop

Live Bait. Reloading. Supplies for Fishing, Bowfishing, Hunting, Camping and Archery
2600 Benstein Rd.
Wolverine Lake
(south of Glengary Rd.)
Ph.: 248-624-3333
LakesAreaBaitShop@yahoo.com
Suppliers to the Finn Camp Fishing Derby

BOARD NOTES AND REMINDERS

Bids for camp #82 on the west side of camp country are now being accepted. Bids are to be submitted to the Board of Directors either by USPS mail or dropped off into the club room, fourier drop box. The successful bid will be announced by May 1, 2020.

New work hour cards are now located at the sauna building and the clubroom.

The Board is actively seeking members for the following positions:

Bar Manager

Assistant Bar Manager

Bookkeeper

Beach Manager

Kitchen Manager

Interested applicants can email board@finncamp.org with a letter of interest.

April 2020 there will be four seats open on the board. Please consider running for a position. We need YOU!

Board of Directors statement regarding cannabis:
It is illegal to consume cannabis in a public place. Michigan law permits cannabis to be consumed in a home or private place. At the DFCSCA this would include a member's cabin and is the only place where cannabis may be consumed on DFCSCA grounds.

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,

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.

Need a Seamstress?

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

Automotive Repair

If you are looking for a great mechanic and want a fair price look no more. I am a certified automotive technician. If you are in need of light auto repairs please give me a call!

Rob Zewatsky 248-877-0601
Estimates will be provided with every request!

Tax Preparations Services

For assistance in preparing 2019 tax returns please contact William Allen. \$75.00 for members, \$125.00 for non-members.
Ph: 248-872-8890
Email: allenhw@umich.edu

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.

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, March 22, 9:00 a.m., visitors at 11:00 a.m.

Future Planning

Thursday, March 5, 6:30 p.m., board

Forest Management

Sunday, March 8, 10:00 a.m., meet at the pole barn

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.

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