



# FINN CAMP NEWSLETTER

JUNE 2020

## Covid-19 Update

Dear DFCSA members and families. The stay at home order from Governor Whitmer was extended until June 12. That means Finn Camp must remain closed for the time being. We would all like Finn Camp to be open but we must follow the order and remember that this won't last forever. Please be patient and kind to one another. The sauna building will remain closed with no beach manager. Remember that we cannot leave the gates open without a beach manager as this is a huge liability for us all. If you are accessing the beach with your own key please lock the gate behind you when you **enter and when you leave**. Only members should be using the beach. We have had many instances of non-members trying to swim and fish.

Please see the Executive Order at the link below:  
[https://www.michigan.gov/coronavirus/0,9753,7-406-98178\\_98455-530013--,00.html](https://www.michigan.gov/coronavirus/0,9753,7-406-98178_98455-530013--,00.html)

## Juhannus

It is with the great sadness that we must inform you that Juhannus 2020 and the Friday night comedy show with Ismo are officially cancelled in order to remain in compliance with the current executive orders. Ismo will be rescheduled for a later date (Maybe Juhannus 2021?). More information will follow regarding Ismo's Finn Camp appearance as soon as it is available. Enjoy the summer, stay safe, and look forward to making next year's Juhannus 2021 the best one yet!

## CALENDAR

### June

TBD—Future Planning Committee  
 7—**Board Meeting**, 9:00 a.m.,  
 visitors at 11:00 a.m.

**Juhannus – Cancelled**

13,14—**Talkoo**, 10:00 a.m.

24—**Board Meeting**, 6:00 p.m., no  
 visitors

24—**Camp Inspection**

### July

2—Future Planning Committee,  
 6:30 p.m., boardroom

12—**Annual Membership Meeting**,  
 12:00 noon, Clubroom. Registration  
 begins at 11:00 a.m.

**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  
 15<sup>th</sup> of the previous month.**

### 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 248-882-46726*



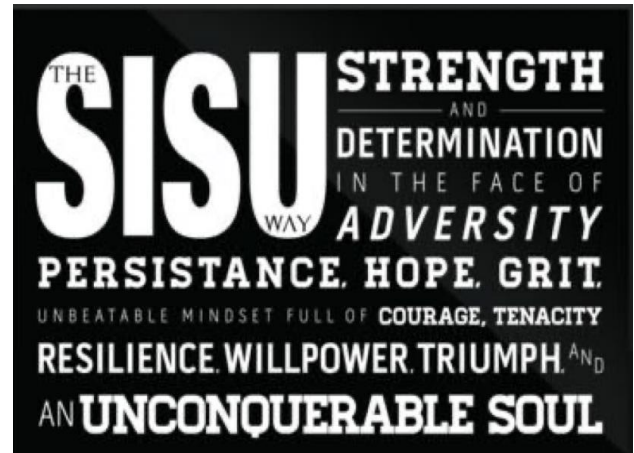


Raelyn Aro

### **Congratulations 2020 Graduates!**

Whether from high school or from college our 2020 graduates dealt with disappointment this year. Some FaceTimed or Zoomed their accomplishments from afar, while others gathered with a few people or drove around, cheering and waving to their classmates, their friends and their family. These one of a kind celebrations required creativity and sacrifice unlike any graduates in recent times. Depressing as it is for everyone involved, we mustn't forget our 2020 graduates. Their tenacity and strength is commendable. We are very proud of them. Until we can celebrate their achievements together, let's pause to acknowledge their hard work. Finn Camp member Raelyn Aro posted this on FaceBook: "I am thrilled (and admittedly a little nervous) to say that I am a college graduate. Not to mention, I did it during a global pandemic; and who knows what the future holds for the class of 2020. Although I am lucky enough to be able to continue my education this fall as I work to earn my masters, the future holds so much uncertainty for many. Being thrown into a global health crisis only makes it so much more difficult. My heart breaks for other class of 2020 members, in both college and high school. But with that said, we should still celebrate (from a distance), because we did it!"

Best wishes to ALL Finn Camp graduates!  
Cheers! John, Lori & Raelyn Aro



### **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.

### **Camp For Sale**

Camp No. 77 is for sale. It's located on the Westside High End district. No crime, close to attractions, bathrooms, showers, fire pit and lake.

\$3,000 Call 248-672-6185

## **Scholarship Committee - Quotes from Student Scholarship Applications 2019 / 2020**

"I am so grateful to have Finn Camp in my life; it's where I have grown up, made lifelong friends, and found a second home. Working 16+ hours a year allows me give back to the community that has given me so much. My heritage is something I am so proud of, and I embrace it every day."

"...grateful for what this scholarship has done for me regarding the studies/ experiences within my career; and I am always appreciative for the connections to my Finnish heritage."

"It allows me to feel closer to the other members, and most importantly, brings me a greater sense of home at the Finn Camp, making me cherish my heritage even more."

"My heritage is something I am so proud of, and I embrace it every day. I would like to thank the Scholarship Committee for helping with my schooling...."

".... grateful for the Edwin Elkhill Scholarship as it helps to relieve some of the financial stress of college for me."  
"...it was extremely beneficial in helping me pay some of my housing costs."

### **Annual Membership Meeting**

The 2020 Annual membership meeting is tentatively scheduled for Sunday, July 12 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 attend 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 attendees after the meeting.

### **Voima Boys Softball**

The softball season is postponed indefinitely; we will not have any Friday night softball until we can legally do so. We hope to have some ball games this year, but we do not yet know if that will be possible. If and when we do start softball games on Friday night, we will need volunteers for Friday Night Grill in order to have the grill open. For questions about softball or Friday night grill or to indicate your interest in participating in either one, please contact Bob O'Brien at 1-734-994-4401.

### **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](mailto:cclynny@aol.com)  
1-313-492-8862

### **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!

## Recreation Committee News

Due to the Covid-19 situation, the Recreation Committee has decided not to host the Fishing Derby this year. Please feel free to enjoy the day fishing anyway. Stay safe and stay considerate.

We are in talks with Mr. Ron, the swim instructor we had last year, about what we may be able to work out regarding swim lessons this year. These typically start the week after July 4<sup>th</sup> and run through the first weekend in August and finalized with the Swim Meet showcasing the swimmer's skills. In these current ever-changing times we would like to still be able to offer lessons while maintaining the safety for all involved; this will inevitably alter how lessons are conducted.

May's R.C. RIDDLE: Why is Europe like a frying pan? Because it has Greece at the bottom.

May's R.C. MONTHLY CHALLENGE  
answer: Noggin.

## BOARD NOTES AND REMINDERS

Dear Finn Camp members and Board members,  
I hereby resign my position on the DFCSCA board. The blue book limits board members to two consecutive two year terms, and that's a good rule. After serving more than four years on the board, it's time for me to step away. I wish the remaining board members the best of success in managing the affairs of the association.  
Respectfully,

Bob O'Brien

**Please mark your calendars. We will be having a Talkoo for Work hours on June 13 and 14 from 10:00 a.m. until the work is done. A list of tasks will be forthcoming in an email blast.**

There has been a large increase with non-members riding bikes, walking their dogs and running through Finn Camp. If you see people who do not look familiar please address them politely and ask them to leave. The next board meeting on June 7th will be held either outside or in the clubroom. If you would like to visit the meeting you may sign in and wait in your car or outside until you are called.



## Sisu Sisters Corner

Hyvaa Paivaa,

Would you like to start a Butterfly Garden at your home? Free Milkweed Seed Pods from last year's Butterfly Garden are available. Please feel free to pick up a bag of pods in the Little Library Box, Clubroom location, while supplies last. We recommend you scatter seeds in desired garden area right before it rains. Thanks for doing your part to help save Monarch Butterflies!

We are still tweaking our 2020 Fundraising Raffle. Our Grand Prize was going to be 4 VIP Tiger Game Tickets. With the ongoing pandemic however we are reconsidering the prizes lineup. Stay tuned for more details.

The Giving Herb Garden in front of the Summer Kitchen will be full of Fresh Herbs & Tomatoes this summer for your dining pleasure. Please help yourself and enjoy!

Our Gourmet Breakfast & Sun Lake Flotilla is scheduled for Saturday, July 25. Menus & details to follow next month, weather & pandemic permitting.

The Sisu Sisters Spa Night at the Sauna is scheduled for Friday November 20, pandemic permitting. Please mark your calendars. More details to follow in upcoming newsletters. Stay safe & be well Finn Campers.



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.

Bids for camp #72 will be accepted during the months of April, May and June. Handwritten bids are to be dropped off in the clubroom dropbox or by mail. The bidding will close at the end of June and the winning bid will be announced after the first July board meeting.

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

The Board is actively seeking members for the following positions: Beach Manager and Kitchen Manager. These positions are contingent based on Governor Whitmer's order and the re-opening of the state. Interested applicants can email [board@finncamp.org](mailto:board@finncamp.org) with a letter of interest.

The Board would like to remind all members that the use of heavy equipment must only be done with approval of the mechanical committee. If you have any questions please contact Kevin Mack.

Members with suggestions, comments or board-related business are asked to e-mail [board@finncamp.org](mailto:board@finncamp.org). General questions may be answered by visiting [www.finncamp.org](http://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. [www.finncamp.org](http://www.finncamp.org).

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.

### 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](mailto:Store@finncamp.org).

### Need a Seamstress?

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

### 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.

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.

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](mailto: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](mailto: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

June 7, 9:00 a.m., visitors at 11:00 a.m.

June 24, 6:00 p.m., no visitors

## 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](mailto:allenhw@umich.edu)

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