



# FINN CAMP NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER 2020



*The Sandhill Crane couple who made Sun Lake beach home for the summer.*

## Semiannual Membership Meeting

The second and final all-membership meeting of the year will be held on Sunday, October 18, outside the Dancehall beginning at 12:00 noon. Registration will begin at 11:00 a.m. A tent will be set up in case of rain. The Board is asking all members who would like to submit a motion and all committees who would like to give a report at the Semi-annual meeting to email the motion / report to [board@finncamp.org](mailto:board@finncamp.org) prior to October 11. You can download the [Motion Form here](#). A copy of all motions and written committee reports will be provided at the meeting. This meeting is an opportunity for all standing committees and groups to report on their activities since the July annual meeting. Many important issues are decided at this official gathering. This is an excellent chance to have your work hour cards signed and submitted.

## Fall Talkoo

**WORK HOURS OPPORTUNITY!** With work hours coming due on October 31. This is one of the last opportunities to get them done. Even if you do not need hours we need your help. The fall Talkoo is Finn Camp's annual tradition of its members coming together to prepare the grounds for the winter. Please come out for this event. All ages are invited to join in. This year's Talkoo will be held on Saturday, October 24, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Please sign in upon arrival. Meet outside the clubroom. Work hours cards must be signed on the day work is completed.

## CALENDAR

### October

- 7—Future Planning Committee, 7:00 p.m., clubroom
- 11—**Board Meeting**, 9:00 a.m., visitors at 11:00 a.m.
- 17—**Adult Halloween Party**, 7:00 p.m. outside at the Kentta.
- 18—**Semiannual Membership Meeting**, 12:00 noon, Registration begins at 11:00 a.m.
- 24—**Annual Fall Talkoo**, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Meet outside the Clubroom

### November

- 1—Work Hour cards due
- 4—Future Planning Committee, 7:00 p.m., clubroom
- 8—**Board Meeting**, 9:00 a.m., visitors at 11:00 a.m.

**Clubroom:** Closed until further notice

### Sauna Hours:

Wednesday, 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. for members only.

Saturday and Sunday, 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. for seniors and high risk individuals only. 3:00 to 9:00 p.m. for all other members and guests.

### 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*

**All newsletter material is due on the 15<sup>th</sup> of the previous month.**

**SEMI-ANNUAL  
MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

### **Sauna Update**

Wednesday saunas will be open for MEMBERS ONLY until further notice. Saturday & Sunday sauna from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. are for seniors and high risk individuals only. All other members and guests are welcome from 3:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. In addition it is recommended that face coverings be worn inside the building. This includes inside the dressing areas and restrooms. The lounge area is closed until further notice. Please use side dressing room entrances. Your cooperation is appreciated.

### **Adult Halloween Party**

It's Haunting Season 🎃 Horrifying Halloween Party, outdoors at the Creepy Kenta 🧟 Saturday, October 17, at 7:00 p.m. 🎃 Do the Monster Mash & dance your fears away. We'll have a Frightful Fire Pit 🔥 Petrified Pizza for sale by the slice 🍷 & Hair Raising events for those who dare. 😬 it'll be a Spine-Chilling, Blood Curdling, Terrifying & Eerie event. Ghosts, Ghouls, & Goblins will be there, join us 🐾 Prize for best costume! Sinisterly yours, Scary Sherry 🐾

Any members needing hours, & brave enough to maintain the fire pit, or manage the hair raising events (games) please contact Scary Sherry 734-521-5569. Cry babies & scaredy cats need not apply.

### **Recreation Committee News**

Shout out to all of the Swim Hosts for signing up and allowing the opportunity for the kids to get in the water and work on their swim skills this year. Kelly Gieselman, Jordyn Hoisington, Sam Barrett, Raelyn Aro, and Kristine Barie. With the flexible schedules as well as 'after 5' opportunities, we saw an increase in member participation and the feedback we've received so far has been all good. Definitely food for thought for next year's swim program.

Several of us have heard from many members hoping to have our annual Children's Halloween event which is traditionally been held the Saturday event before Halloween. Unfortunately this event has been cancelled this year due to scheduling conflicts.

### **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 #99 is for sale! \$2,000 or best offer. Located on the West side, all contents of camp are included with purchase. There is also a trailer with 4-wheeler available for purchase (separate from camp. Please contact Sheila at 904-339-3059.

### **Need a Seamstress?**

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

## Sami Story



My Great-Grandmother Naimi Ericksson Rutanen died at 22, so I grew up knowing nothing about her. I only had a photo. It showed that she had dark hair and dark eyes.

She married a “traditional” Finn, blond with blue eyes and they had my grandmother Mailis- who had dark hair and dark eyes.

When I asked my great-great Aunt Rose about Naimi, she gave me her usual Finnish reply - “Why do you want to know that?”

My Aunt Rose treated family history like secrets carefully guarded by the Finnish CIA.

I did manage to get two answers from her that told me nothing - and yet quite a bit.

“She was from a different part,” she said.

“She wasn’t Finnish?”

“Yes, but she had dark hair and eyes, most Finns have blond hair,” she said.

So, I started learning about Finland and discovered what was then called Lapland (now Sapmi) and the Lapps, or Laplanders. Today, they are called the Sami, or Saami. Lapps- is considered a derogatory term and is actually a Swedish word that means “ragged.”

I saw photos of the Saami and I saw that they also had dark hair, and almond shaped eyes- which reminded me of that photo. I realized- although it has not been DNA tested, that she must have had some Saami ancestors.

Saami live in Northern Finland, Sweden, Norway and Northeastern parts of the Kola Peninsular in Russia. They are Europe’s only indigenous people and were in Finland before the “Finns” were.

As glaciers melted and retreated north, the Saami entered the land - most likely from Siberia- and lived for thousands of years, before gradually moving North- away from new comers from Estonia and Lithuania-present-day Finna.

They’re the reindeer herders living up in the Northern Lights in the land of “Santa Claus.”

Naimi came from Pori, on the west coast- and far from Sapmi. Ericksson is a Swedish name, so they obviously originally came from elsewhere- was it the Swedish north?

Although, it was not so much where Naimi lived that made her “different,” it was the difference in her appearance.

The Saami are a discriminated people and an abused culture, much like the American Indians of North America.

In both situations and culture clashes- the newcomers- forced out the original indigenous people and even indoctrinated them in schools in an attempt to erase their culture and language.

Today, Finns are more sensitive to how the Saami have been treated- and their role in it.

Saami also have gained strength in government and in their efforts to be recognized as their own people and culture. - *Constance York*

## Sisu Sisters Corner

Hei Everyone,

Thanks to everyone for your help with all the different projects we accomplished this summer. Looking forward to next year's improvements to Leppi's Landing the Loon Lake lake front area. Unfortunately Spa Night has been cancelled for this year due to the uncertainty of Covid. Wishing everyone a safe & healthy holiday season. Thank you, Tammie

## BOARD NOTES AND REMINDERS

Boats cannot be tied to the fishing or swimming docks at Loon Lake.

Campfires at individual camps must be monitored and completely extinguished when not in use.

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 events, 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 social director should also be contacted prior to scheduling events to prevent conflicts with other events / activities.

According to Blue Book Rule 203.1.3: Animals are not permitted on the grounds unless properly leashed.

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

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.

## 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).

## 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!

## Cords of Firewood For sale

\$55 for 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. The dumpster at Sun Lake is for Finn Camp projects only. No personal or camp debris is allowed.

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

Sunday, October 11, 9:00 a.m., visitors at 11:00 a.m.

### Future Planning

Wednesday, October 7, 7:00 p.m., clubroom

## 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

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