



FINN CAMP NEWSLETTER

FEBRUARY 2021



Chris Nordin doing a polar dip in Sun Lake.

The Sauna is Open by Appointment only!

The sauna will be open 12:00 noon to 9:00 p.m. Saturdays & Sundays by appointment only using Signup Genius. A new signup link will be emailed and put on the Members Only Facebook Page at the beginning of each week. Sunday sauna will only be available if we have a volunteer to run it for work hours.

Sauna is limited to one 2-hour slot per person per day for members only - no guests permitted at this time. Sauna is by appointment only (no walk-ins) on a first-come first serve basis with 6 people allowed per 2-hour period per side. If you are not signed up via the Sign-up Genius link you will not be permitted to use the sauna. If you are on the delinquent list you will not be permitted to sign-up for sauna until your delinquency status has been lifted. Only 6 people are permitted in each dressing room and 5 permitted inside the sauna at any one time. Do not attend sauna if you are ill. Each person will be asked COVID-19 screening questions upon entry. Please check in with the sauna manager before entering the building. A 24-hour notice to cancel your sauna appointment is required; otherwise you will be billed for the sauna fee of \$3.00 Please arrive promptly at your scheduled time, not earlier (please wait in your car if you are early). You must be out of the dressing room by the end of your scheduled time. Please be courteous to your fellow members. The sauna will be closed 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. for sanitation. If the sauna must be closed or cancelled due to State Health Orders, a

CALENDAR

February

- 3—Future Planning Committee, 7:00 p.m., clubroom
- 7—**Board Meeting**, 9:00 a.m., visitors at 11:00 a.m.
- 14—**Forest Management committee** 10:00 a.m., meet at the pole barn

March

- 1—Assessment Invoices
- 3—Future Planning Committee, 7:00 p.m., clubroom
- 14—**Forest Management committee** 10:00 a.m., meet at the pole barn

Clubroom: Closed until further notice

Sauna Hours: Saturdays and Sundays 12:00 noon to 9:00 p.m. By appointment only.

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 15th of the previous month.

member from the Board of Directors will contact everyone who signed up that day. 12:00 noon to 2:00 p.m. is reserved for those 65 years of age and older and those individuals with health risks. Children of all ages count as 1 person so please include them on the signup if they are attending sauna. The lounge area remains closed. You may walk through to the dressing rooms but do not congregate in the lounge. You are required to wear a mask upon entry / exit and inside the dressing rooms and in the bathrooms. It is recommended that masks be worn inside the sauna but is not required. If you are not receiving the email blasts and would like to be added to the list, please email newsletter_editor@finncamp.org. We are excited to be open again! Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

Work Hours Opportunity – Running the Sauna

Get your work hours in by running the sauna on a Sunday. You will get 10 hours for each Sunday worked. Sauna is open from 12:00 noon to 9:00 p.m. and you get 1 hour for cleaning after close. If you are unable to run the sauna for the entire day, you can split the day with someone. Please make arrangements to do so and notify the Board by emailing board@finncamp.org. You can use the link below to sign up to run the sauna. As a reminder each membership is required to complete 24 work hours per year, due by October 31. Every unworked hour will be invoiced to the member at \$20 per hour. Don't wait until the last minute to get your 24!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/508094BADA728ABF58-sauna>

Private Sauna Rentals

If you are interested in renting the sauna for private use outside normal operating hours, you can make arrangements through the social director, Joni Sennhenn, at 248-882-4626. The number of occupants for private rentals is limited until further notice to 6 people per side. It is \$25 per hour per side to rent (minimum of 2 hours) with a refundable \$50 cleaning deposit. You can rent one or both sides. The renter is responsible for cleaning the sauna, dressing room, bathroom and shower area after use in order for the cleaning deposit to be refunded. The member must be in good standing (zero balance on Finn Camp account) to rent the sauna. The contract and payment must be submitted to the social director prior to the date of rental.

Auditor Committee News

The Finn Camp Store, Recreation Committee, Bar 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 bar and 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. Thank you.

St. Urho's Party News

If permitted the St. Urho's Party will be celebrated Saturday, March 13, 2021. More details to come next month.



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.

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!



Harry Kansman

Fun Facts about Finland Update

In last month's January Newsletter an article titled, "Fun Facts about Finland" was published. Several interesting facts regarding Finland were listed. One fun fact item regarding the Finnish language caught the eye of long time member Harry Kansman. The sourced article we published stated, "Finnish is part of the Uralic language family, of which Hungarian is the closest relation". Harry contacted us regarding a challenge to this alleged fun fact. Harry explained the Estonian language is actually the most similar to Finnish language than any other language. Harry stated, "I speak Estonian and have been part of the Finn Camp for 80 years. I have compared the similarities, using an English-Finnish Dictionary and an English-Estonian Dictionary. Doing a sampling of words I found over 30 words that are identical and many more that are similar. The Finns add a few letters to the Estonian words in some cases." Harry added, "The Finns, Estonians and Hungarians migrated from Russia to their current locations. The Fiino-Ugric peoples article in Wikipedia describes the similarities in their languages. Since my DNA results indicate that I am Estonian, Finnish and Swedish, I can be a knowledgeable resource". Further research confirmed Harry's correction of the article's Finnish language fun fact. Learning from our camp elders is invaluable. We encourage other Finn Camp members to share interesting news and stories regarding their Finnish heritage. Thank you Harry.

– *Brian Pelto*

Finn Fest USA 2021 News

Check out <https://finnfest.us/virtual-event> for online lectures and music series events.



Wishing a happy and healthy new year to all.

Hyvää Joulua & Hyvää Uutta Vuotta!

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.

Need a Seamstress?

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

Annual Finn Camp Assessment

Your annual Finn Camp assessment will be invoiced on February 1 and is due by March 1. If you chose to receive your invoice via email you will not receive a paper copy in the mail and it will be emailed from quickbooks@notification.intuit.com. If you do not receive your invoice by February 10 please email treasurer@finncamp.org.

Newsletter Committee News

Please welcome new newsletter committee chairperson Bob O'Brien and contributors Madeline Salonen and Gary Delavan. They join current committee members Erick Leskinen, Belinda Arbogast, Mary Burck and Glynn Simmons.

BOARD NOTES AND REMINDERS

The Board would like to remind all members that the use of heavy equipment must only be done with approval of the mechanical committee. Contact the board for permission to use the equipment.

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

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

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 or activities.

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.

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.

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

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.

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

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.

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

Future Planning

Wednesday, February 3, 7:00 p.m., clubroom

Board of Directors

Sunday, February 7, 9:00 a.m., visitors at 11:00 a.m.

Forest Management

Sunday, February 14, 10:00 a.m., meet at the pole barn.

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