



# FINN CAMP NEWSLETTER

June 2021



*We are on the look-out for members or members' children to get some or all of their hours in by hosting swim sessions.*

Sessions can include working on breathing technique, strokes, kicks, holding their breath, and for the youngest, blowing bubbles and putting their face in the water. Kickboards and other swim aids are available for use. Anticipate an initial Swim Host meeting to review schedules, sign-ups and address any final questions/concerns prior to the start of swim sessions. We will also provide a list of items that can be worked on for the various swim levels.

No certifications needed; if you can help our kids be more comfortable in the water and improve their swim skills, then you are qualified. Please contact us with your availability if you are interested (we need the hosts before we can commit to any lessons) at [recreation@finncamp.org](mailto:recreation@finncamp.org) or comment on the FB post by June 13th.

Hours available for sessions are based on your availability and can include times after 5pm. Swim sessions would be targeted to start on Monday, July 5<sup>th</sup> running through August 6<sup>th</sup>. Swim sessions will be purchased by the family for the number of children they would like to enroll. Families with 1 - 2 children enrolled will have ½ hour sessions, 3-4 children would have 45 minute sessions.

For those interested in lessons, more information will be forthcoming once we secure Swim Hosts.

## CALENDAR

### June

TBD—Future Planning Committee

Contact Gavin Wing, Jr.

4—Voima Boys Softball 6:00 PM

6—Finn Camp Golf Outing

Contact Chris Nordin

6—Finn Camp Lenkki

9:00 AM Breakfast • Walk Starts at 10: AM

11—Voima Boys Softball 6:00 PM

12—Movie Night Outside Dancehall 8:30 PM

13—Board Meeting

9:00 AM, Visitors at 11:00 AM

13—Fishing Derby Sun Lake 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

13—Pickleball Learn to Play 12:00 PM

13—Swim Host Volunteer Deadline

18—Voima Boys Softball 6:00 PM

19—Juhannus

30—Board Meeting 6:00 PM, No Visitors

### July

5—Swim Lessons Begin (TENTATIVE)

9—Voima Boys Softball, 6:00 PM

16—Voima Boys Softball, 6:00 PM

23—Voima Boys Softball, 6:00 PM

30—Voima Boys Softball, 6:00 PM

17—Movie Night Outside Dancehall 8:30 PM

TBD—Board Meeting

9:00 AM, Visitors at 11:00 AM

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### • The Clubroom

is now open to Members & Guests on

Friday & Saturday Nights 7:00 PM - 11:00 PM

### • Sauna Hours:

**Saturdays & Sundays:** 1-3pm for Seniors & High Health Risk Individuals. 3-9pm is open for anyone.

**Wednesdays:** 3pm-9pm for anyone  
(there are no senior hours on Wednesdays)

### 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.**





This year movies will be outside between the ball field and the horseshoe pit.

(Weather conditions permitting - if the weather is poor, we will host inside)

- Please bring your own chair or blanket to sit on.
- Movie Selections & Updated Info on Facebook.



We look forward to seeing you all there!  
-Jenny and James Emery



Registration and fishing begins at 9am. Not an early bird? Get there when you can; 'official' fishing will end at noon to be followed up with lunch. This year lunch will be provided by the Committee (and you fishers) and will

include, but is not limited to: fresh caught fried fish, french fries and coleslaw.

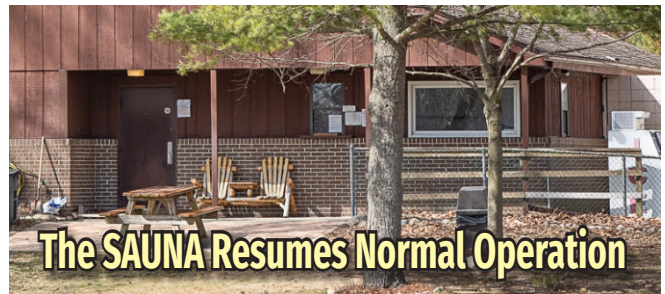
- \$10 fee includes lunch for both the fishers & non-fishers 12 years and over, \$5 under 12. Note: does not include guest's beach and/or sauna fees.

- Prizes awarded for longest fish & the most fish caught (all ages); pikku fishers (under 12) will receive a goodie bag for participating.
- Contact us at [recreation@finncamp.org](mailto:recreation@finncamp.org)

If you're interested in putting in some hours to support this event.

## 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 15 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.



The Sauna will resume for normal operation beginning on Saturday, May 29th. Reservations through Signup Genius will no longer be required and COVID time limits & guest restrictions have been removed. The Blue Book allows 8 guests per membership at Sun Lake (this means 8 guests per membership family, not per individual member). *You must check in with the beach managers upon arrival.* Everyone is expected to abide by the current MDHHS Epidemic Orders. You can find the current orders on the link below.

### Sauna Hours beginning May 29th:

**Saturdays & Sundays:** 1-3pm for Seniors & High Health Risk Individuals. 3-9pm is open for anyone.

**Wednesdays:** 3pm-9pm for anyone (there are no senior hours on Wednesdays)

**Sauna will be open on Memorial Day, Monday, May 31st:** 1-3pm for Seniors & High Risk Individuals. 3-9pm is open for anyone.

The beach will be open on non-sauna days starting Tuesday, June 1st from 11am-7pm. Kiitos for your cooperation throughout the last year. We look forward to a more normal summer!

### Current MDHHS Epidemic Orders:

[https://www.michigan.gov/coronavirus/0,9753,7-406-98178\\_98455-533660--,00.html](https://www.michigan.gov/coronavirus/0,9753,7-406-98178_98455-533660--,00.html)





Our annual Juhannus celebration is scheduled to be held on Saturday, June 19th. Come out early for a whole day of fun with food, games, live Finnish band, socially-distanced dancing, and of course The Kokko (bonfire). The kitchen will be open for lunch and dinner on Saturday and for breakfast on Sunday. We are planning to hold a horseshoe and pickleball tournament and a game of pesapallo on Saturday. Other games such as mölkky Finnish darts, boot toss, and cornhole will happen only if we have volunteers to help.

**Admission to be on the grounds for the day is \$5 per person.** *The clubroom bar will not be opened on Saturday June 19th due to COVID restrictions.* More info and an event schedule will be posted on our Members Only Facebook page, emailed, and included in the June newsletter - stay tuned!

**There is a lot of opportunity to get in work hours** this weekend and we need your help for success! We will need people to help with the following: kitchen, button designer, button maker/assembler, button sellers, raffles, games, path light setup/take down, security (at the Kokko), etc. I am also looking for a "point person" to be available on the grounds for the day on Saturday to assist. Please contact Amber Martin at 248-770-9994 if you are available to help out or to donate raffle prizes. Kiitos!

## Please join us for the *1st Annual* **FINN CAMP LENKKI** on Sunday June 6th.

This event will be the first one for the Finn Camp athletic committee. We are using this to generate funds for more equipment to use for future events and leagues. A 1k loop through some of the lesser-known trails will be laid out, we'll make two passes.

By pre-registering you will make sure you get your hands on a t-shirt. It will also include breakfast and a prize for those that finish the walk. Breakfast and shirts will be available on the day of the event but will be first come first serve.

### ***The menu options will be:***

- Casserole w/sausage or bacon  
Comes with hashbrowns, drink & toast
- Eggs made to order  
Choice of bacon or sausage  
Comes with hashbrowns, drink & toast
- Fruit and Yogurt Parfait Blueberries, strawberries and granola  
Comes with toast and a drink
- Drinks will be water, OJ and coffee

### **Cost for pre-registration is \$25**

#### **• 3 ways to pre-register:**

Venmo: @Gavin-wing

PayPal: [gavinwings3@gmail.com](mailto:gavinwings3@gmail.com)

Please include shirt size and menu option

Third way is to hand me cash/check.

If you want to help in any way or have questions, contact Gavin Jr at 248-722-0516 or on Facebook.



Last fall Amber & Rob Pisha built two sets of Cornhole Game Boards. One set will be at Sun Lake Beach and the other will be at Loon Lake. This spring Amanda and Israel Nordin worked their creative magic and did a sweet urban camouflage paint job. Amanda also sewed together sets of the bean bags for both locations. Bean bags will be stored in the Sauna building Office. At Loon Lake we will store the bean bags in the Little Library Box on the Westside Bathroom building. We can only afford to provide the first set of bean bags. Amanda Nordin will be making more bean bags if you would like to buy a set for your personal use. We hope you enjoy some Cornhole Fun! --another project idea of *The Sisu Sisters*

**UP FOR A GAME?**



Photo by Dan Linick

## Scholarship Breakfast 2021

### — Finn Camp Store —



Come shop at the Finn Camp store.  
Lots of new tee shirts, mugs, hats & backpacks.  
For access to the store during off hours,  
call Patti Leppi, Ph: 248-921-1432,  
or email, [Store@finncamp.org](mailto:Store@finncamp.org).



Sunday, June 13<sup>th</sup> 9am, Sun Lake

#### Need a Seamstress?

For All Your Alterations  
Custom Work & Mending  
Call Cindi Maddick at 248-303-7337



#### Your Classified Ad could be here

If you're a member it's free to run a Classified Ad  
See the last page of this newsletter for details

### — Camp For Sale —

Spacious, charming one of a kind camp full of Finn Camp History! (#5) Sonya was constructed before the size limit was mandated...she's almost double the size of a standard camp. She sits on the East Side.

- I am taking offers and will accept best.

Please send offers to [Chencrow42@gmail.com](mailto:Chencrow42@gmail.com) if you've never checked her out, i will be available for showings after camp season begins. You won't find a cabin like this again anytime soon!



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[LakesAreaBaitShop@yahoo.com](mailto:LakesAreaBaitShop@yahoo.com)

Suppliers to the Finn Camp Fishing Derby

#### Cords of Firewood For sale

\$55 for members.

Delivery is extra  
to schedule loading and pick up.

Call or text Mike Honka at  
248-860-5109

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# Finn Camp Golf Opener

This Years ***Finn Camp Golf Opener*** has been  
Passed on to a new crew.

Chris Nordin, Dave Shaw & Jim Nygore

**Date:** Sunday June 6th

**Time:** 9:00 am Shotgun Start

**Where:** RiverBank Golf Course

24095 Currie Rd. South Lyon Mi, 48178

**Cost:** \$30.00 18 Hole scramble.

- **Kickers**
- **Closest to the pin**
- **Skins**
- **longest drives will all be optional buy in's**

Contact Chris Nordin:

[cnordin@glassacademy.com](mailto:cnordin@glassacademy.com)

To register for the outing. Pre-registration is necessary for golf course needs.

Payment will take place on the day of the event at the course.



Photo by GLS



Photo by Mary Burck

Hi Everyone,

We are extremely excited and grateful for all the donations. We planted a White Pine Tree by the Westside Bathrooms.

Pavers have been donated for the Butterfly Garden Project.

We are still looking for more pavers to complete the area.

The Herb Garden will be filled with tomato plants & fresh herbs this week. Please feel free to help yourself throughout the summer.

We are looking for book & movie donations for our Little Library Boxes.

If you're looking for work hours, the Loon Lake Fence Line needs to be raked, vine roots pulled out & sticks picked up. If you have questions or need guidance please contact Tammie King at 2486246691 or [tammie@tammieking.com](mailto:tammie@tammieking.com)

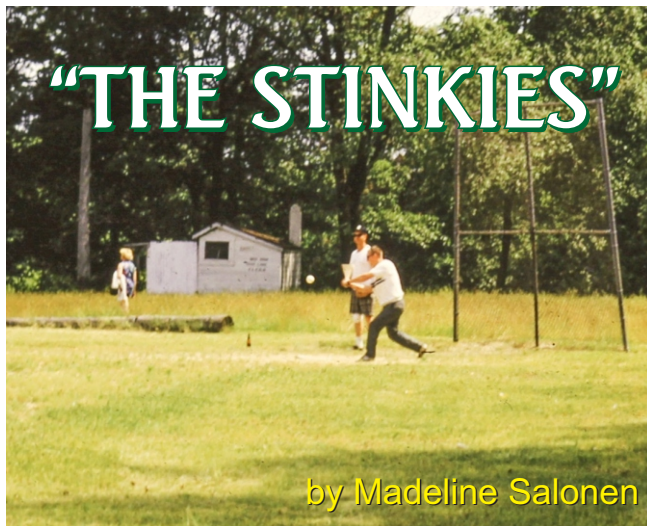
New trees and plants have been donated. We will be planting everything this fall.

Until we have another fundraiser, we have very limited funds.

We won't be able to host any events this year.

Hopefully next year, we will get back on track.





I grew up on hilly, remote Napier Road off M-14 between Plymouth and Ann Arbor. When we played with our only neighbour kids, we never asked to use the bathroom--we knew to use the outhouse, a one-holer replete with telephone book pages for wiping! You only went if you didn't have time to run home and you didn't linger long!

"The "Stinkies," as they were called by some at Finn Camp, were not where you wanted to hang out either--but at least they had TP! They were white wooden buildings with wooden floors, ranging in size from a one-holer [in the area north of Lyonia Road where cottages stood before the property was sold] to four-holers [three adult-size, one child-size]. They dotted the Finn Camp landscape, designated as "women's" and "men's": there were two along the first-base line that served folks at the kenttä and east-side camps, two more by the "Victory Tree" that were available for the bunkhouse guests [which was later converted into the children's clubhouse], two in west-side camp country, two near the winter sauna [near the caretaker's house], two behind the Sun Lake sauna and two in cottage country. The men's outhouse shown in the photo above also had a urinal outside of the four-holer (behind the wall to the left of the building).

"The stinkies" were limited to their primitive function; there was no running water. No showers. No hot water. No place to wash your hands. So where did campers and cottagers wash until the 1980s? These lines from Tina Santti provide a colorful snapshot of life before showers:

...we washed in Loon Lake and sometimes Sun Lake where it was much easier to wash one's hair as Loon Lake was so shallow. When we were kids, our parents would take us down to Loon Lake every evening to get washed up before bed and the youngest ones would ride in a little red wagon back and forth to the lake. The older kids would ride their bikes or walk. One could also sponge bathe in their camp with water from the pump and heated with a two-burner stove.

Russ Matero's family cottage was located at the east end of Euna Street, and he suspects that his family was the last one to use an outhouse at Finn Camp. A one-holer, it was used until 1970, and since they were the only family without an indoor toilet, it became their private outhouse by default! He reports that during the 1970s, "I got a good shower on sauna days and washed up in Sun Lake on the other days. If it got too awfully cold to go in the lake on non-sauna days, then I would visit a friend's house for a shower."

I suspect there were no complaints when the flush toilets were installed some time in the mid- to late 1950s on the west and east sides; the west-side structure was built on the same site as the outhouse had been. But there was still no hot water or showers. These "luxuries" were added to the west-side bathroom in the mid-1980s and to the east-side bathroom a few years later.

During the mid 1990s a complete renovation of the west-side bathroom was undertaken under the direction of Chris Rentola; it was completely torn down to its concrete slab, and a new, larger building was built that included showers and additional toilets. However, there were no locks on the doors... and that gave bathroom access to non-member snowmobilers and ice fishermen on Loon Lake.

When Tammie King, who was caretaker at that time, ventured to the west-side bathrooms in the winter of 2000, she found the doors open--the toilets brimming and frozen. Gross! The following spring, Eric Solin finished the tile work and Tammie and a friend hung mirrors, paper- and soap dispensers. There have been no more winter "visitors" since locks were installed on the doors!

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The east-side bathrooms were completely renovated 10 years ago. Tim Santti and Jim Flinkman were responsible for painting and staining, Chris Nordin donated the decorative glass tiles, Eric and Reino Solin installed the ceramic tile. The earth-tone color scheme--chosen to hide sand and soil--was selected by Tammie King. The roof was resingled last year in flattering charcoal to complement the woodsy green of the exterior.

"The Stinkies" are not on the list of things you'd want back from the "Good Old Days!"

by Madeline Salonen

A big shout-out to Tina Santti, Russ Matero, Bruce Vaisanen, Carol Melancon, Tammie King and Harry Kansman for sharing their vivid memories. Photos courtesy of Russ Matero.



## BOARD NOTES & REMINDERS

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

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

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 fund-raises 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.

**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).

The camp social director is Joni Sennhenn. Please contact Joni at 248-882-4626 to make a reservation 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

TBD, Contact Gavin Wing, Jr.

### Board of Directors

Saturday, June 13, 9:00 a.m., visitors at 11:00 a.m.



## Spring at the Finn Camp



### I'm Looking for a Handy-Person



*I'd like some help with  
a few projects on my camp*

Contact Connie for details: 313-492-8862

or e-mail at: [cclynny@aol.com](mailto:cclynny@aol.com)

*It's camp #154, Thank You.*

## In Finland

Last Year Finland was ranked  
Happiest Country in the World  
(up from 5th)

The first prize in the annual  
wife-carrying championship  
is the wife's weight in beer

### 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. (Over 50 word copy will be edited to fit.)
- The deadline is the same as the date for newsletter copy: the 15th of each month.



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### Newsletter

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Saturday, June 19th.