



# FINN CAMP NEWSLETTER

May  
2022



What I admire most about Finland is their emphasis on gender equality. Finland has been awarded the second best country to be a girl. Not only was Finland the first country to grant women full political rights in 1907, but today it also ensures close to 50% of parliament is led by women. 49% of all employed people are women. 45% of ambassadors in the Finnish foreign Service and over 50% of Finland's 560 diplomats are women. Finland even has a female prime minister, Sara Marrin. Some of the best Covid responses world wide came from countries led by women, including Finland. So, why wouldn't we want more women making the tough decisions? Women can be diplomatic, smart, savvy, innovative, multitasking and pass legislation that favors both children and adults. Especially since some women are mothers, being a woman leader can mean children citizens grow up with better lives. Young girls can feel valued, can have strong female role models and can reach their full potential. We need more women leaders to find peaceful solutions rather than those toxic males who dominate certain countries with war and violence. Other nations should follow Finland's example, so we can build a more equal and vibrant society in our future.

by Naomi Petäinen

May 7<sup>th</sup> at 4pm



Clubroom

Join us for Finn Camp's 'Race for the Roses' at our first Derby Day, sponsored by the Recreation and Bar Committees. *Come dressed to impress!* Saddle up for events throughout the day including life-size horse racing, table top horse racing, and card games. Horse shoe tournament, **Kid friendly events include** make your own hat stations, decorate a horse and mock-mint juleps. The winners circle has prizes for best hat and best dressed, adults and kids!

- Registration begins at 4:30, with 5pm start -
- Door prizes all day and 50/50 raffle! -

## CALENDAR

### May

- 1—**Talkoo** 10:00AM - 2:00PM
- 6—**Voima Boys softball** *season opener* 6:00PM
- 6—**Friday Night Grill** 6:00PM, Board Sponsored
- 7—**Derby Day**
- 8—**Bar Committee Mother's Day breakfast**  
at the Kentta (*clubroom if inclement weather*)  
8:00AM - 11:00AM
- 8—**100th Anniversary Meeting** Kentta, 11:00AM
- 11—**Board Meeting** 6:00PM, visitors at 7:00PM
- 14—**Dancehall Storage Clean-out** 10AM - 2PM
- 14—**St. Urhos** 7:00PM Clubroom
- 14—**St. Urho Pasties Sale** 5:00-7:00PM Clubroom
- 15—**Beach Beautification** 10:00AM - 2:00PM  
at Sun Lake
- 21—**Dance Hall Private Rental**
- 22—**Board Sponsored Breakfast** 8:00-11:00AM
- 28—**Scavenger Hunt & Ice Cream Social**  
the Hill, 7:00PM
- 30—**Memorial Day**

### June

- 1—**Taco Wednesday** Kentta, 6:00PM
- 4—**Rummage Sale** 9:00 - 3:00, Kentta
- 8—**Board Meeting** 6:00PM, no visitors
- 11—**Family Movie Night** 8:00PM
- 11—**Beach Private Rental**
- 11—**Loon Lake Clean Up** 10:00AM - 2:00PM
- 12—**Fishing Derby** Sun Lake 9:00AM
- 18—**Juhannus**
- 18—**ISMO Stand-Up Comedy** Dance Hall, 7:00PM
- 21—**Beach Private Rental**
- 26—**Board Meeting**, 9:00AM, Visitors at 11:00

Summer hours for sauna & clubroom start May 28th

### • The Clubroom Hours •

Wednesday, Friday & Saturday - 7:00 PM - Close

### • Sauna Hours •

Saturday/Sunday -

1:00PM - 3:00PM, Seniors & High Risk

3:00PM - 9:00PM, All Members & Guests

Wednesday -

3:00PM - 9:00PM, All Members & 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 15th of each month.**



**It's  
starting!**



Please join me in this epic plan to  
Celebrate the 100th Anniversary  
of the Finn Camp

Mother's Day at the Kentta following  
breakfast. If you cannot make it but want  
to help, please email me at

[FinnCamp2025@gmail.com](mailto:FinnCamp2025@gmail.com)

to be added to the mailing list. Sally Evans

### ■ Finn Camp Lingo

'The Hill' - The highest area in Finn Camp  
Property, whereby whichever direction you  
approach you are walking uphill to get there  
(Even so slightly coming from the East-side of  
Camp Country).

The Horseshoe Court resides on the 'The Hill'  
and is flanked by the Clubroom/Dancehall,  
Kentta/Ravintola, and George Aho Field.



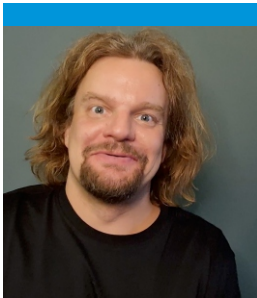
Bring Your Vanha Tavara (old Stuff)  
To The Dance Hall

On June 3rd From 5pm-9pm

Or Arrange with Tammie King for drop off  
in the week prior - Call Tammie 248 624 6691

**At The Finn Camp**

2524 Loon Lake Rd Wixom,  
Michigan 48393



The Comedy of  
**ISMO**

# Juhannus 2022

Saturday, June 18th



Our annual Juhannus celebration is now  
scheduled to be held on Saturday, June 18th.

Come out early with the entire family for a  
whole day of fun with food, games, live Finnish  
band, dancing, wish stick making, the Kokko  
(bonfire) and new to this year - a comedy  
show by Ismo (tickets limited, reservations  
required for comedy show along with  
entrance fee).

The kitchen will be open for lunch and  
dinner on Saturday and for breakfast on  
Sunday. We are planning to hold a horseshoe  
tournament. Chris Nordin is making two boot  
toss trophies for this year's competition - one  
to be awarded for the farthest throw for each,  
men and the women. Other games such as  
pickleball, mölkky, Finnish darts, and cornhole  
will be available.

We are looking for your input in designing  
new Juhannus T-Shirts for "Top Ten Reasons  
You Need to Be at Juhannus". Please submit  
your "Reason(s)" to Amber by May 15th via text  
message (*see below*).

**Admission to be on the grounds for the  
day - including at the kokko - is \$5 per  
person (excludes comedy show).**

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:

Dancehall setup/cleanup/takedown for Ismo,  
kitchen help, horseshoe pit cleanup, button  
sellers, raffles, game help, security (for  
comedy show and at the Kokko), etc.

Please contact Amber Martin at 248-770-  
9994 if you are available to help out, donate  
raffle prizes, or if you are interested in  
reserving tickets for the comedy show - only a  
few tickets remaining. Kiitos!





The Annual meeting was held on Sunday, April 24th with 75 members in attendance.

The board welcomed two new members, Kirsten Malzahn and Tina Erickson.

The project approved at the semi-annual meeting to replace the sauna roof did not go forward, with closer examination it was not needed and some repair work was done. The project to get city gas in the bathrooms will go forward.

The board has hired the following people for positions:

Bar manager - Wayne Jokinen

Assistant bar manager - Ray Malila

Caretaker - Gavin Wing

Bookkeeper - Amber Martin

The board thanks Tina Santti for her 22 years of service as the bookkeeper. The board is still seeking a beach manager.

The annual budget was approved and the annual membership assessment of \$300 was approved.

There will be a dumpster on the west side camps for camp clean-up from April 27th to May 16th. Mattresses should not go in the dumpster, they should be put in a mattress bag and left outside the caretaker garage.

Elected to the Finn Camp board of directors: Deidra George, Rob Zewatsky, Ralph Heikkinen, Mike Niemasz. Alternates to the board: Chris Nordin, Dave Neimi, Bruce Zarbaugh.

Finn Fest will be held this year on August 12th-14th. As always, Finn Fest needs workers; plan to get work hours.

The date for Juhannus has been changed to June 18th. Ismo event will be held on June 18th.

The motion to become an affiliated membership of the Finlandia Foundation, which was tabled at the semi-annual meeting in October 2021, was withdrawn.

Motions to increase the pay of the treasurer and beach manager were approved. Motions for special projects for the sauna water heater, sauna concrete sidewalks, and a new play structure at Sun Lake were approved.



Come join us on **Saturday May 14th** to help celebrate St Urho chasing the grasshoppers out of Finland. Get out your grapes and grasshoppers and dress in your green and purple and come help celebrate.

We will be selling Milford Bakery Pasties from 5-7:00 P.M. Heated or Frozen @ \$6.00 a piece.

The party starts at 7:00p.m.

with music, dancing, games and 50/50 drawing.

Come join us in the Crowning of the new King and Queen of St. Urho's.. The party will be in the Finn Camp Clubroom. Please Come and Support Your Club! Watch out for the weekly blast!



Join us for a fun evening exploring the Finn Camp grounds, hunting down and finding treasures followed by a fabulous Ice Cream Social with all the fixins!

A fantastic family-friendly adventure awaits in our very own paratiisi!  
May 28th - 7pm, The Hill



We are working on a plan to offer Finnish Dance Lessons for all ages, with hopes that we will have a troupe of kids to display some of their new dance skills over Children's Weekend (August 6th).

If you have what it takes to offer up even one dance for the learning, we would be interested. You set the schedule. [recreation@finncamp.org](mailto:recreation@finncamp.org)



**May 7** - 4pm, Clubroom, Derby Day  
(with the Bar Committee)  
**May 28** - 7pm, The Hill,  
Scavenger Hunt/Ice Cream Social  
**June 11** - 8pm, The Hill,  
Family Movie Night  
**June 12** - 9am, Sun Lake, Fishing Derby  
**July 5** - Tentative date, Sun Lake, Swim Lessons  
**July 9** - Time TBD, Kentta,  
Pancake Brunch/Candle-making  
**August 6 & 7**, Children's Weekend

CALLING ALL PARENTS. With the new season under-way, we are looking for additional members for our team, after-all, more hands means less work and more fun! Joining a Committee is a great way to get to know other Members and a fantastic way to get your hours worked. Please contact us if your are interested, or would like more information. [recreation@finncamp.org](mailto:recreation@finncamp.org)



Back on June 9th, 2019 the weather was fair and the fishin' was fine. Over on the ol' fishing dock, the mighty nippers that were beggin' and a bobbin' for all of those fresh worms suddenly vanished. King Scott Taipala knew that somethin' was amiss. He grabbed his trusty fly rod and started searching for something deep down in the shallows of the water. As quickly as he caught bluegill after bluegill, they were just as quickly dispatched into the buckets scattered across the dock, whippin' that rod that came as natural as breathing. In what seemed like seconds, The King had what could be the target on his line. After more seconds of finessing his line, a pretty awesome pike was lifted out of the water and into the King's hands. All of the fishers cheered and enjoyed the mighty nippers come back to feast on their crawlers. Disclaimer: This tale is anything but tall and as I remember. For any clarification, please ask The Kinghimself.

*\$5 registration fee includes lunch;  
Lunch for \$5 plus a dish to pass.  
non-fishers can still enjoy lunch*

*Registration does not include:  
beach and/or sauna fees.*

*9am – Registration and fishing begins  
Lunch is served at 12pm*

*(fried fish provided by all of our fabulous fishers, hot dogs  
and burgers to be supplied by Committee)*

*1pm – Derby prizes and 50/50*



Swim lessons are offered  
to Member's Children & Guests  
beginning July 5<sup>th</sup> through August 4th  
with the children showing off their skills at the Swim  
Meet on August 6th. We are on the lookout for a swim  
instructor(s); if you have any leads, please share.  
[recreation@finncamp.org](mailto:recreation@finncamp.org)



**Boats & Personal watercraft registration  
will be required by all members.**

Per Bluebook rule-203.3.5

- Non-members shall not be allowed to launch boats or  
ice fishing facilities from our lakeshore property.  
Members shall identify their boats with their  
membership number and register their boats with the  
Board of Directors.

In accordance with this rule there is now a form on  
the Finn Camp website so that members may register  
their boats/personal watercraft. They will then receive  
their membership# sticker for adherence to their  
boat/personal watercraft and the registration will stay  
on file with the BOD. Any boat/personal watercraft  
that is not registered by June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022 will then be held  
to Blue Book rule-105.3.1- Property other than real  
estate may be sold provided a notice is given in the  
newsletter by the Board of Directors for 3 consecutive  
months. If the acceptable bid is not received from a  
member, then the property may be disposed of at the  
discretion of the Board.

"The Watercraft Regulation form download:  
<https://finncamp.org/forms/Watercraftregistration.pdf>



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Suppliers to the Finn Camp Fishing Derby





## 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-raisers 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.

**Facility Reservations:** Any member interested in renting the clubroom, dancehall, ravintola, or beach should contact the social director, Joni Sennhenn, at 248-882-4626. Also, all committees should verify venue availability with the social director prior to scheduling events as private rentals may conflict.

**Camp rentals** are handled through the Board of Directors. Any member looking to rent their camp should complete a camp rental form and submit it to the Board prior to the rental date.

Email [board@finncamp.org](mailto:board@finncamp.org).

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."

### Summer Beach Managers and Support NEEDED!

We currently do not have a beach manager and do not have enough people to run the beach for the summer.

*Summer beach work is a paid position.*

Please contact the [board@finncamp.org](mailto:board@finncamp.org) if interested in helping to manage or dedicate a few days a week to help run the beach. We will train as needed. *If we are not able to fill these positions, beach use will be limited to members only and building access will not be available.* Outdoor restroom only will be open for use.

### Beach Hours

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday - 11AM - 7PM

Wednesday, Saturday, Sunday - 11AM - 9PM



If you've ever had a Finnish friend -- as I have -- who irons shoelaces and pillowcases, then you know that Marie Kondo, the Japanese woman famous for her tips on order and decluttering, has nothing on her Finnish counterparts!

Finland, the country where for four consecutive years citizens have been named the happiest people in the world by the UN World Happiness Report, is considered safe and trustworthy. But one shouldn't overlook the happiness that comes from a clean and tidy home environment.

Here at Finn Camp everyone loves the sauna and the feeling of joy that comes from being steam cleaned. The Sisu Sisters want your happiness to extend beyond the sauna to the order in your home and camp. With less stuff, you will see and appreciate your favorite things more and it will give you peace of mind. Just think of the rag rugs that mummo and tāti (grandma and aunt) used to make: wasn't that a great Finnish example of how to rid closets of old clothes and turn them into something useful, even beautiful?

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# Spring TALKOO

**Come out to Camp Country on Sunday  
May 1, at 10:00 AM  
for the Annual Spring Talkoo Clean-up**

Many workers are required to spruce up our grounds and ready our facilities for another great season. This is a great opportunity to socialize and to get to know your fellow members

*There is a lot to be done including:*

distributing outdoor furniture, cleaning up around dumpsters, bathrooms, playgrounds & bleachers and much more (click link below for a full list of tasks). After the work is done, mojakka will be served and saunas offered free to all workers. Be sure to register in the Clubroom to qualify for your free lunch and sauna. • The Talkoo Tasks Link is:

[www.finncamp.org/SpringTalkooTasks2022.pdf](http://www.finncamp.org/SpringTalkooTasks2022.pdf)

## BEACH BEAUTIFICATION

May 15 from 10:00am - 2:00pm

*Come on out and earn some work hours* Rake  
Leaves, Pull Weeds, Spread Mulch  
& Plant Flowers

Make Our Beach Beautiful for the Season!

## 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).

## Loon Lake Spring Clean-Up

**Help make our Loon Lake Front Beautiful Again  
Saturday June 11, 2022 - 10am to 2pm  
Hotdogs, Chips, Cookies, Pulla & Cold Water  
Served at 2pm**

*We will be:*

Painting the Westside Bathroom Exterior, Racking & removing the leaves from around the building, Weed whacking, mowing the grass, picking up sticks, Removing vines along Loon Lake Rd fence, Raking & removing leaves along Loon Lake sidewalk, Digging & cleaning fire pit, cutting & stacking firewood, Removing broken slide, Painting small metal slide.

Cleaning the bathrooms & showers, Rototilling a new Butterfly Garden, Raking gravel & moving under boat racks, Removing unmarked and organizing remaining boats, Installing a Purple Martin House, Transplant ornamental grasses, Plant Milkweed in new garden, paint the Adirondack chairs

Some tools will be provided

*If something on this list interests you,  
please bring your favorite tool to help  
accomplish the task.*

All painting tools will be provided.

Many hands make for light work.

Hopefully you can join us,

for a productive beautification day!

Hours cards will be available and get signed that day.

Hope to see you there!

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## SISU Sisters Clean Sweep Rummage Sale is June 4th!

Now's the time to start your spring cleaning and help the Sisu Sisters get ready to celebrate Mari Kontonen Day! Donate your vanha tavara (castoffs) to Finn Camp for our garage sale. It will make you one of the happiest people in the world!

**Mari Kontonen Day Garage Sale !**

**June 4, 2022 9 am to 3 pm**

**Finn Camp Dance Hall**

Please drop off donations at the Dance Hall on June 3rd from 5pm to 9 pm or by prior arrangement during the previous week with Tammie King at 248 624 6691

or [tammie@tammieking.com](mailto:tammie@tammieking.com).

*All proceeds from donations will be used for 6  
beautification projects at Finn Camp*



# New Work Administrators

**We would like to introduce Mike Niemasz, Rob Zewatsky and Ralph Heikkinen who will be serving as your new work administrators!**

We have plenty of opportunities this summer to get your work hours in.

Friday Night Grill will continue as long as we have workers. Volunteers can sign-up online through sign-up genius. We will be supporting the grill by having the shopping completed and a set-up checklist ready. Hours are 5pm-9pm. We suggest three people to run the grill each Friday. We are in the process of setting this up so please be on the look-out for updates. In the meantime feel free to contact the board to secure a weekend until we can go live.

Work hour inquiries can be emailed to:

[work@finncamp.org](mailto:work@finncamp.org)

or directly to any of your works administrators

Mike Niemasz 248-240-0480; Rob Zewatsky 248-877-0601; Ralph Heikkinen 313-610-5478.

## The Sauna is Open

On Saturdays and Sundays from 1pm-9pm (Seniors and high risk only from 1pm-3pm) and on Wednesdays from 6pm-9pm (no senior hours).

**Sunday Saunas will be open only if we have a volunteer to run it.**

*Do not attend sauna if you are sick, have any COVID-19 symptoms, or have had close contact (within 6ft for 15 minutes) within 14 days of someone who has tested positive for COVID-19. If you test positive for COVID-19 and were recently on Finn Camp property, please inform the Board of Directors at [board@finncamp.org](mailto:board@finncamp.org) so we can take the necessary precautions. It is the responsibility of each member to make good choices to help keep everyone safe.*

*You can sign up to run the sauna for work hours using the links below.*

**Wednesday Sauna Work Hours:**

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

**Sunday Sauna Work Hours:**

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/508094BADA728ABF58-sunday20>

**Thank you for your help and cooperation.**



The board will be providing dumpsters for two weeks after Talkoo on the West Side Camp Country. We are asking all camp owners to help cleanup around and inside your camp. This is a great opportunity to make those repairs to your camp and dispose of old materials.

Please no overfilling (we will replace the dumpster if full within those two weeks). Furniture and other bulk items can be placed at the curb by the caretakers house at the tractor garage.



## — BOARD AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS —

### Upcoming Board Meetings

May 11th, 6pm, visitors 7:00

June 8th, 6pm, no visitors

June 26th, 9am, visitors 11am

## In Finland

### The Finns love Salmiakki

(Salty Licorice)

Thanks You Finland  
for creating this  
amazing candy



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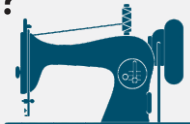


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### Free "Classified" Ads

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.

### Affinity Promotions

Specializing in corporate awards and incentives, promotional items and apparel. If your business is looking for new ways to motivate, reward or thank your employees, we can help.

**Call Denise at 248-640-0481** or visit

[www.AffinityPromos.net](http://www.AffinityPromos.net) - for new & exciting



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