

Our annual Children's Christmas celebration will be Sunday, December 4th from 1:00-5:00PM in the clubroom. We will be decorating cookies and ornaments and writing letters to Santa, or the kids can bring their letter to drop in Santa's mailbox!

New members are asked to bring an unbreakable ornament, labeled with your family name(s) and "2022" to hang on the tree and add to our collection (one per family, please).

Please bring a simple snack or appetizer; holiday punch and traditional Riisi Puuro (rice pudding) will be provided. Join the kids in a sing-a-long of our favorite holiday carols as we anxiously await a visit from Santa!

For your child to participate in Santa's gift bag, bring a wrapped gift with your child's name to be put under the tree.

Please limit the cost of your gift to \$10-15.

For further information or to get some hours in with set-up or clean-up, contact us at

recreation@finncamp.org

*Look for email or Facebook posts with more updates. Sign-up Genius Links are below for available work hours.



<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/508044aa5ae2fa5fb6-pikku>

CALENDAR

December

- 4—**Pikku Joulukuu** 1PM, Clubroom
- 7—**Future Planning Committee** 6PM, clubroom
- 10—**Adult Christmas Party** 7PM, Clubroom
- 11—**Forest Management Committee**
10am-2pm, Pole Barn
- 18—**Black Tie Christmas Dinner** 5PM Clubroom
- 21—**100th Anniversary Committee** 6PM, sauna
- 31—**Uundenvuodenaatto** New Years Eve Party,
9PM Clubroom

January

- 1—**Sunday Brunch** 10AM, Clubroom
- 8—**Forest Management Committee**
10AM-2PM, pole barn
- 15—**Board Meeting** 9AM, Visitors at 11
- 18—**100th Anniversary Committee** 6PM, sauna

February

- 4—**Winterfest** 1PM, Sun Lake

• The Clubroom Hours •

Friday & Saturday - 7:00 PM - Close

• Off Season Sauna Hours •

Wednesday 6-9pm - All members & guests.
(run by volunteer)

Saturday 1pm-3pm Seniors and high risk

3pm-9pm All members & guests welcome

Sunday 3pm-8pm - All members & guests
(run by volunteer)

• Holiday Sauna Hours •

The Sauna will not be open on

Saturday, December 24th

and Sunday December 25th.

Sauna rentals are available for those dates.

Sauna will be open on Saturday, December 31st but

will not be open on Sunday, New Year's Day.

Private sauna rental is available.

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 by 15th of each month.

Merry Christmas
Finn Camp



READY!

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PICKLE-BALL

Cheers to pickle-ball champion Dennis Shaheen and his partner, Steve Clements. They took home a bronze medal this past August in the Michigan Senior Olympics Pickle-ball tournament. Their award qualified them for national championships for the second year in a row. How awesome! Last year, they won gold at nationals. This year they took home bronze. Since then, they have placed bronze in the Royal Oak Skills Tournament (one of the top tournaments in the country).

But pickle-ball wasn't Dennis' first racquet sport. He also played table tennis and squash in his 20's at Wayne State University. Then, four years ago, the Finn Camp president at the time, Brad O'neil, proposed building a pickle-ball court. No one had a clue what this sport was. It sounded interesting though. Soon after the proposal passed, a court was built, and Finn-campers flocked to it. Dennis and his Finnish wife, Kemmy, hit a few rounds. Realizing they really enjoyed it, they joined a pickle-ball club in their hometown of Fraser, MI. While Kemmy continued with recreational pickle-ball, Dennis became a more serious player.

Now, he plays in five pickle-ball tournaments a year, two taking place at Finn Camp. He's proud to say that several Finn Camp members participated in a friends pickle-ball tournament this past September 25th. On his USAPA site, Dennis belongs to many pickle-ball clubs; he lists Finn Camp's as his main club. Finn Camp after all got him started, and he attributes his pickle-ball journey to them.

~Naomi Petäinen

FINNFEST USA 2023



Duluth Minnesota will be hosting the 2023 FinnFest USA.

Plan your summer trip to this beautiful area to enjoy 4 days of shopping, music, lectures, tours, workshops, language, dance, concerts, films, and more.

The event will be July 26-30, 2023.
Find additional information at:

<https://finnfest.us/festival>



Adult Christmas Party

Saturday, December 11th

7:00PM in the Clubroom

Please join us for the

Christmas Celebration

The Board will provide:

pulled pork sliders

hot cider & donuts

-Please bring a dish to pass-



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 — NEW YEAR EVE PARTY —

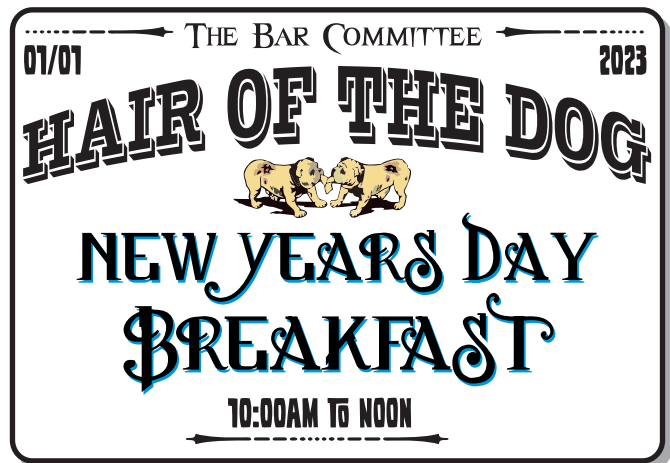
**Our Traditional
 New Year's Eve Party**

**In The Clubroom
 9:00 pm • December 31**

- Please bring a dish to share -

*This Event is Open to
 Adults & Children*

**Celebrate the beginning of the year
 with your fellow Finn Campers!**

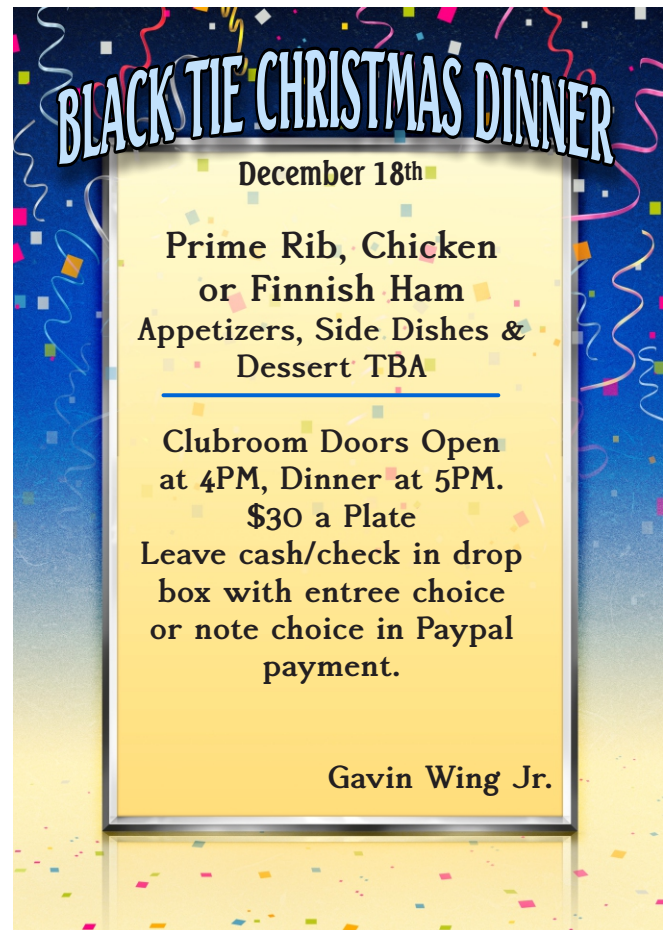


01/01 THE BAR COMMITTEE 2023

HAIR OF THE DOG

**NEW YEAR'S DAY
 BREAKFAST**

10:00AM TO NOON



BLACK TIE CHRISTMAS DINNER

December 18th

**Prime Rib, Chicken
 or Finnish Ham**

**Appetizers, Side Dishes &
 Dessert TBA**

**Clubroom Doors Open
 at 4PM, Dinner at 5PM.**

\$30 a Plate

**Leave cash/check in drop
 box with entree choice
 or note choice in Paypal
 payment.**

Gavin Wing Jr.



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SISU Sisters



**Wise Men
 Still Seek Him**

**Merry Christmas
 Finn Camp**



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.

General questions may be answered by visiting 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.

Looking for Community Expertise:

We are looking for a member with electrical experience to join the electrical committee. Please contact the board if you are interested in joining this important committee.

Camps are closed for the season!

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.

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.

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.

Members are billed every February and August with bills due March 1st and September 1st. You can pay your Finn camp bill by mailing to 2524 Loon Lake Rd, Wixom MI 48393 or PayPal using

Using PayPal will incur a 2.99% fee that will be added to your account. treasurer@finncamp.org

Changes to Paypal Terms

Paypal has changed their terms and conditions and all businesses will now be required to pay a 2.9% fee for every transaction. If you are paying your Finn Camp bill through PayPal, you will be responsible for the 2.9% fee that will be added to your account during the next billing cycle. Payments can still be mailed to 2524 Loon Lake Rd, Wixom MI 48393 to avoid fees. Please direct any questions to

board@finncamp.org.



This foosball table needs to be fixed and put to use or it will be sold.

This is the second notification and it will appear in the newsletter for three months.



100th Anniversary Committee

to plan for Finn Camp's 100th anniversary will meet every 3rd Wednesday of the month at 6PM in the sauna building. Please submit ideas and recommendations to this email:

finncamp2025@gmail.com

We are looking for some stories of historical relevance as well as family history/genealogy. Any old photographs with names and dates would be appreciated.

A box for suggestions will be created.



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Work Administrator Update

Thank you all that participated in Fall Talkoo!

We had 40 members helping to prepare the grounds for winter! Thank you to everyone that came out and participated.

There are many work opportunities throughout the winter. Committees holding events are always looking for an extra hand. We will be posting committee leadership contact information in the clubroom and sauna. Don't be afraid to reach out to these leaders and ask how you can help. Stay tuned for special project information.

Sauna Manager Sign Up for Work Hours

We need volunteers to run the sauna on Wednesdays and Sundays to keep the sauna open. If we don't have volunteers for Wednesday and Sunday we will not be able to run the sauna on those days.

Please use the QR Code with your phone below to sign-up or text Becky Wendela 248-762-7282

All memberships are required to work 24 hours or pay \$20 per unworked hour (see note below regarding members children 18-25). You will receive 4 hours per Wednesday and 6 hours per Sunday.

The responsibilities for running the sauna include signing people in, accepting money, completing sign-in sheets, turning off saunas, cleaning, locking building & gates, & turning in sign-in sheets, money & cleaning checklist.

Sauna Manager Sign Up for Work Hours:



Wednesday



Sunday



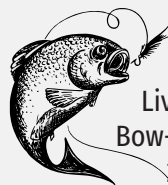
Christmas Shopping at the Finn Camp Store

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, 248-921-1432, or email, Store@finncamp.org.



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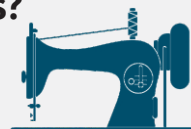
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Firewood for sale, \$65 for Members

Delivery is extra

to schedule loading and pick up.

Call or text Mike Honka

at 248-860-5109

Do not help yourself to the firewood.

BOARD AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS

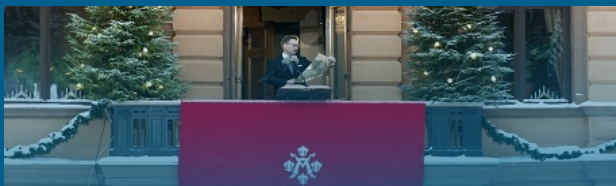
January 15—Board Meeting 9AM, Visitors at 11

In Finland

Christmas Peace 700-Year-Old Tradition

Declaring peace at Christmas time has its roots in old Nordic law. From the Swedish Kingdom during the Middle Ages, when Finland was under Swedish rule. Christmas peace was first declared in Turku in the 1300s, and it has been declared at the Old Great Square since the 1800s.

The declaration of peace marked Christmas as a special time period. As declaring peace was part of the law, people who committed crimes during that time received harsher punishments. Especially in the cities, people wanted to have a calm atmosphere during Christmas time, which is why the declaration was highly respected, says University Lecturer in Folkloristics Pasi Enges.



Tomorrow, God willing, is the graceful celebration of the birth of our Lord and Saviour; and thus is declared a peaceful Christmas time to all, by advising devotion and to behave otherwise quietly and peacefully, because he who breaks this peace and violates the peace of Christmas by any illegal or improper behaviour shall under aggravating circumstances be guilty and punished according to what the law and statutes prescribe for each and every offence separately. Finally, a joyous Christmas feast is wished to all inhabitants of the city

<https://yle.fi/a/3-10570823>

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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