



Saturday ————— February 4th

It's that time of year when we Embrace the Cold and Celebrate Winterfest!

The day begins at 1:00pm at Sun Lake.

- 1:00pm to 5:00pm Polar dipping and ice fishing at Sun Lake.
- Hot dogs and hot cocoa will be provided.
- 6:00pm Chili Cook-off, raffles, dancing and tomfoolery in the clubroom.
- Buttons will be \$6 per person and include hot dogs and cocoa at the lake, chili dinner, and entertainment.

Chili makers please bring your crockpot of chili to the clubroom anytime between 1:00pm and 5:00pm.

Chili judging will begin at 5:15pm.
Chili judges are needed! If you would like to be a judge please email Gina Weidman at ginaweidman@yahoo.com.

- Prizes will be awarded to the top three chili cook-off winners.
- If you would like to get a start on your work hours there is a sign-up link posted on the Facebook page or you can email Gina directly to see how you can help.

CALENDAR

December

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

21—**Black Tie Dinner** 5PM, Clubroom

February

4—**Winterfest** 1PM, Sun Lake

5—**Sunday Brunch** 10AM Clubroom

12—**Forest Management Committee**
10am-2pm Pole Barn

TDB— **Board meeting**

15—**100th Anniversary Committee**, 6pm, sauna

• 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 •

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.





January in Northern Finland resembles tundra. As winter lays its blanket upon frozen forests, many Finlanders explore by snowshoe. It's an exhilarating experience walking atop six-foot snow drifts while cold air blows over your nose and your breath exits like pale ghosts. You gaze out at miles and miles of snowcapped evergreens standing in a barren white field. Sounds familiar to me — I enjoy snowshoeing.

When we travel to Canada, we often snowshoe to our camp at Maki Lake. We climb up a steep hill, zig zag our way down a thin path past our cabin toward the sauna. With our ax in hand, we cut a hole in the ice where fill buckets of snowy-water. We build a fire in our kiuas. Before we run back in the sauna for a few more steams, we roll in the snow. Cause crazy Finlanders like that. We like to brave a long snowshoe hike just for a hot winter sauna.

by Naomi Petainen



Vuodenvuodenaatto

— 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!

BLACK TIE DINNER

January 21st

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.

PETTIBONE TELEHANDLER



The Finn Camp is now the very proud owner of a 97 Pettibone Telehandler! With the forethought of Mike Honka and the woods committee, we have been saving for years so we could purchase this type of machinery. Ralph Heikkinen took the lead on this project as work administrator and has been searching for the right fit which he found this past December. Ralph recruited the help of Brian Nedrow and Delle Aro to confirm condition of the Tele and to transport it back to the Finn Camp. This was no easy feat since they had to drive 250 miles (one way) and use a certified transport trailer to complete the job. I have already seen Mike in the bucket at the end of the 35 foot boom trimming branches along the sauna road! A HUGE thank you to this team for all their hard work and effort to finalize this project. Before this purchase was made we identified a few in or membership with experience working this type of machinery. If you have experience and are willing to help with special projects, please let the board know.



HAPPY NEW YEAR FINN CAMPERS

from the
SISU Sisters

The Sisu Sisters are planning
another Spring Rummage Sale
in the Dancehall
Date of event and drop-off details
to be announced
in the upcoming months.

We were blown away by all the
wonderful donations, so we
thought we would do it again.
*All the proceeds go towards
beautification of the
Finn Camp property.*

Thanks, Everyone



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>



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.





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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This Foosball Table needs to be fixed and put to use or it will be sold.

This is the third and final notification.

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



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.



New Beanie Caps



Accepting Bids

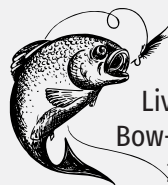
The board is now accepting bids for Camp 82

Bids must be in a sealed envelope
They will be opened at the April board meeting

Bids are due by April 1st

They can be mailed to 2524 Loon Lake Rd,
Wixom MI 48393

or dropped in the mailbox
outside the clubroom.



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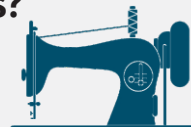
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Firewood for sale, \$65 for Members

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

February—**Board Meeting**, TBD

—Innovators—In Finland

- The world's **first graphical web browser** was developed by four Finnish students in Helsinki in 1991. It was known as *Erwise*.
- The **Linux Operating System** - is the basis for operating systems such as *Android and Chrome*.
- **Nokia** is one of the world's largest maker of mobile phones.
 - There are *NO pay phones* in Finland.
 - *Mobile Phone Throwing* is an official sport.
- Rovio Entertainment created **Angry Birds**. It has been downloaded *over One Billion* times.
- **The Heart-Rate Monitor**, Which straps to an athlete's body to record their heart rate, was introduced by the Finnish company Polar Electro back in 1977.
- The Flight Recorder, or "**Black Box**" was created in 1942 by a Finnish aviation engineer.
- Internet Relay Chat (IRC), was invented in 1988 at the University of Oulu. It allowed users to connect to a server for **Text Chats**.

10 Startups to Watch From Finland

One of the key locations of the post-recession startup boom has been Finland, particularly in the tech sector. Follow the link below:

10 Startups to Watch From Finland

<https://theculturetrip.com/europe/finland/articles/10-startups-to-watch-from-finland/>

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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