



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

February

- 4—**Winterfest** 1pm, Sun Lake
- 5—**Sunday Brunch** 10am, Clubroom
- 12—**Board meeting** 9am, Board Room, Visitors at 11am
- 12—**Forest Management Committee** 10am-2pm, Pole Barn
- 15—**100th Anniversary Committee**, 6pm, sauna
- 18—**Piirakka Class** 10am, Clubroom

March

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• 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.



SISU Sisters

Hei Finn Campers,

This year's **Finn Camp Rummage Sale** will be on Saturday June 3rd, 2023 9am to 3pm.

Donations can be dropped off on Wednesday May 31st, 6pm to 8pm and Friday June 2nd 5pm to 9pm.

We are looking for helpers to set up tables, unpack boxes of treasures and organize tables of all the stuff, Saturday June 3rd, from 8am to 12pm. *Also from 12pm to 4pm*, at the end of the sale, we have to pack up the remaining stuff in boxes. We will be donating everything to "Vets Returning Home" in Roseville, Michigan.

Please contact Tammie if you have any questions or want to sign up for hours at 2486246691 or tammie@tammieking.com. All proceeds go to the beautification of Finn Camp property.

Thank you for all your support!

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

Thank you, Tammie King



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>



Gloria Joyce Leskinen

of Wixom, Michigan was born October 31, 1928, in Detroit, Michigan. She passed away at her home on January 6, 2023, at the age of 94.

Gloria is preceded in death by her parents Otto and Rachel Mackie and her husband Bruno Leskinen (d. 1997).

Gloria attended Mackenzie High School in Detroit and met Bruno Leskinen at the Finnish Cultural Center. Bruno asked her for a dance on a bet. Gloria married Bruno on September 9, 1950 in Detroit, Michigan and in 1969 they moved from Redford to Wixom where they would raise their 3 sons, Erick, David and Neil.

Mrs. Leskinen worked at Hudson's in the J.L. Hudson Building in Detroit and Sears at the Livonia mall. She had been a lifetime member of the Finnish Cultural Center (FCA) and past member of the Detroit Finnish Cooperative Summer Camp Association (Finn Camp). She was proud of her Finnish heritage and danced to all the Finnish music. Gloria was an active member of the Lutheran church having taught Sunday school for many years.

Gloria was on the Wixom Senior Citizen Commission from January 2002 through October 2014 and was awarded a proclamation from the City of Wixom for her longtime service to the community.

She was a loving mother to three sons whom she raised to be independent and successful. She loved to travel herself and with Bruno, together they traveled across the country many times. She visited Finland, the Arctic Circle, Hawaii, and the Caribbean. She will be remembered for her great sense of humor which she retained until the end.

She is survived by her sons Erick Leskinen, David (Barbra) Leskinen, Neil Leskinen and grandchildren Kevin Leskinen and Rachelle (Tom) Leskinen.



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.

Please welcome new member Lon Matero.

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

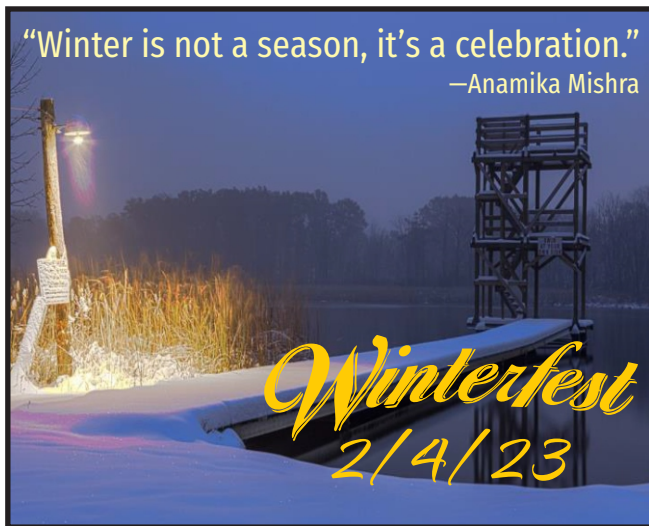
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Feb 18th, 10AM in the clubroom

Details to follow - watch for email notice



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



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

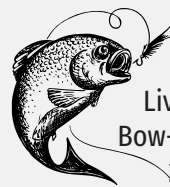
The board is now accepting bids for Camp 82

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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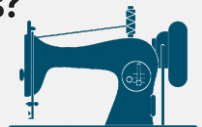
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Call or text Mike Honka

at 248-860-5109

Do not help yourself to the firewood.

BOARD AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS

February 15—**Board Meeting** 9AM, Visitors at 11
March—**Board Meeting**, TBD

In Finland Great Reading for the long Winter

Finns of Michigan's Upper Peninsula •

On Midsummer Eve, 1865, more than 30 Finnish and Sami immigrants disembarked from a Great Lakes ship to a place called Hancock, Michigan. At the time, Hancock consisted of nothing more than a small cluster of humble buildings, but it was here, on the outskirts of mid-19th-century civilization, that Finnish settlement in Michigan's Upper Peninsula

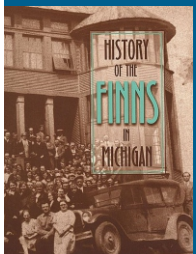
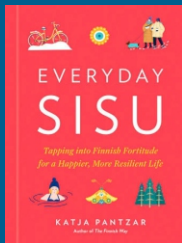


• The Finnish Way

Forget hygge—it's time to blow out the candles and get out into the world! Journalist Katja Pantzar did just that, taking the huge leap to move to the remote Nordic country of Finland. What she discovered there transformed her body, mind and spirit.

Everyday SISU •

In Everyday Sisü, journalist Katja Pantzar explores the simple practices that make Finnish life so stable, sustainable, and healthy for body and mind, even when life doesn't go as planned.



• History of the Finns in Michigan

brings the story of the contribution of Finnish immigrants into the mainstream of Michigan history.

combines firsthand experience and personal contact with the first generation of Finnish immigrants with research in Finnish-language sources to create an important and compelling story of an immigrant group and its role in the development of Michigan.

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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.

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