



Come celebrate St. Urho chasing the grasshoppers out of Finland.

Wear your green and purple with your grapes and grasshoppers to show your support. We will have our Finnish Folk Band playing our favorite songs and later that night DJ Steve takes over.

The night will include a 50/50 drawing and the crowning of the new King and Queen.

We will also be selling hot Pasties from Milford Bakery 5 - 7 pm

frozen Pasties for sale all night.

WHEN: Saturday March 11th

WHERE: Finn Camp Clubroom

TIME: 7:00 pm - 11:00 pm

HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

St. Urho's Committee

"Heinäsiirikka, heinäsiirikka, mene täältä hiiteen!"

**("Grasshopper,
grasshopper,
go from hence
to Hell!")**



CALENDAR

March

11—**St. Urho's Day Party** 7pm-11pm clubroom

11—**Piirakka Class** 10am, Clubroom

12—**Sunday Brunch** 10am, Clubroom

12—**Board meeting** 9am, Board Room,
Visitors at 11am

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

19—**100th Anniversary Committee**
12pm, Clubroom

April

16—**Board meeting** 9am, Board Room,
Visitors at 11am

23—**Annual Meeting** 12pm, Clubroom

30—**Spring Talkoo**

• 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
DFCSCA 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.

Piirakka Class



Sponsored by
the Cultural Committee

March 11th, 10AM in the clubroom

Details to follow - watch for email notice



Tervetuloa suomen leirille, Lon Matero. When hearing the last name, Matero, many find it surprising to learn it has Finnish origins. Between 1873 and 1914, seven of Lon's ancestors sailed from Finland and built their new home in America. Lon remains 75% Finnish.

As a retired computer engineer, he's worked in Beijing and Suzhou. He helped create the original websites for FinnCamp and the City of Wixom. Some of his bigger projects included a solar power monitor and control system, an outdoor light astronomical timer, and a home energy monitoring system.

Finding authentic and genuine things along with conducting independent research and playing piano are some of hobbies.

This past autumn, he traveled to Finland's Kainuu region where he visited a cottage owned by his dad's second cousin, Jussi Matero.

"It was almost like a Finnish pilgrimage to the ancestral sauna", Lon said.

Some of his relatives recounted war stories from the Battle of Suomussalmi. The town was burned to the ground and sacrificed to save Finland.

"If one digs to the roots, Finlanders mirror the world's indigenous peoples. For example, sauna equals sweat lodge. Being Finnish means being close to nature and living the traditional lifestyle," Lon said.

His great-grandparents, John & Olga Matero were FinnCamp's founding members. Many of his other relatives were also former members or are current members.

One of the reasons Lon joined FinnCamp was to help keep it independent and family owned. His breadth of knowledge on Finnish history and on FinnCamp's roots will certainly be an asset. When you see Lon at the sauna or anywhere at FinnCamp, make sure to say, "*Tervetuloa Suomen leirille*", to him. We are incredibly fortunate to welcome him home here.

~Naomi Petäinen



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>



Walter Larry Gooden

of Belleview, Florida passed away January 23, 2023, at UF Health The Villages Hospital, The Villages, Florida. Surrounded by loved ones, he was 91.

Walter was born September 10, 1931 in Detroit, Michigan. He was a proud Veteran of the U.S. Army having served in the Korean War. Prior to his retirement he was a Motor Pool Supervisor for the City of Southfield, Michigan. Walter was very active in the Boy Scouts of America, Girl Scouts of America, VFW, American Legion and the Military Order of The Cooties. He volunteered his time at the VA Hospital in Ann Arbor, Michigan. He was a member of the Finn Camp from 2008-2018.

Walter was married on January 27, 1951 to Helen Eula Gardner. They were married for 42 years and had nine children: Helen Hocking (Terry), Larry Gooden, Mary Taylor (Les, deceased), Barbara Ann (deceased), Steven Gooden, Charles Gooden (Lisa), Ronald Gooden (Hiroko), Lauri Taipala (Scott) and Linda Gooden. They raised their family in Southfield, Michigan. He was known to say that he knew three things. 1) He loved his family, 2) He loved God, and 3) He loved America. Walter was a wonderful, loving father and family meant everything to him. He had an open heart and had love for anyone that needed it.

Walter was the grandfather of 19 and great grandfather of 9. Walter was preceded in death by: his parents, wife, Helen, Wife, Eleanor, sister, Mary Lou Asborne, daughter, Barbara Ann Gooden and grand-daughter Aria Rayne Griffor.



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.

Upcoming Fundraising

- March madness squares contact Jason Evans at: FinnCamp2025@gmail.com or text only 810-772-6336
- Camp crawl this spring- let's open camps in style!
- Logo creation to represent the 100th Anniversary. Submit a digital design to include something representing FinnCamp and 100 in any form. Send submissions to: FinnCamp2025@gmail.com by the semi-annual meeting. This image will be used for all production material for the 100th Anniversary.
- Please send any photos you would like to share c/o 100th Anniversary to 2524 Look Lake Rd, Wixom, MI 48393. Include names, dates and location as well as a return address. All photos will be returned to sender. Photo submissions will be used in print, slides and documentary development.

- Submission for ideas and suggestions can be sent to 2524 Look Lake Rd. Wixom, MI 48393. Or FinnCamp2025@gmail.com

The next meeting March 19th at noon in the clubroom. Always looking for more member interested in joining our group.

Work Administrator Update

Spring is just around the corner! We are looking to fill lawn maintenance positions and seeking volunteers to help update our current stock of picnic tables and settee's. Please contact the board or work administrator if you would like to help keep the grounds looking beautiful this season!

LAWN MAINTENANCE: Lawn maintenance is typically separated into Sun Lake, Ball Field/Raventola, Roadside/ Loon Lake. It is helpful to have two people, one to mow and the other to help move picnic tables, sticks, and to weed whack. Please contact us as a team or individual. This is a great way to get your work hours in for the season.

PICNIC TABLES & SETTEES: We are looking for a team to help with repairs and updates of our current picnic tables and settee's. This ranges from replacing legs and screws to cleaning and varnishing. Ideally, we would like this to be done before Spring Talkoo so we can move them to the selected locations ready to use!



HELP WANTED

The board is accepting applications for the following positions:

- Caretaker
- Bar Manager
- Assistant Bar Manager
- Secretary - In Training
- Treasurer - In Training
- Bookkeeper
- Summer Beach Manager

If interested, please submit your application to:
board@finncamp.org

Camp Bills are due March 1st



Kittos to all that helped make *Winterfest 2023* A Success!

It was a windy Winterfest but we still had a great turnout with 53 polar dippers and 19 chili entries.

The cook-off winners were:

1st place Pam Linick
2nd place Gina O'Neill
3rd place Patti Leppi

Thank you to everyone who braved the bitter cold and made this event possible.

Looking forward to next year - Gina Weidman

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



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 is sponsoring our second annual Committee Leadership Meeting to be held March 25th at 5:30 in the Clubroom. We appreciate all the participation in last year's meeting and look forward to an even more productive meeting this year! A detailed email will go out to all committee leaders.

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 and the outdoor kitchen are closed for the season! The outdoor kitchen has been winterized and water has been turned off.

Committees and private parties should NOT be accessing the outdoor kitchen for any reason throughout the shutdown period.

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

• Bills are due March 1st

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



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.



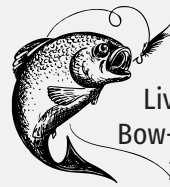
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Accepting Bids

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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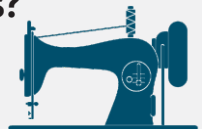
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Delivery is extra

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

March 12—**Board Meeting** 9AM, Boardroom, Visitors at 11

April 16—**Board Meeting** 9AM, Boardroom, Visitors at 11

In Finland



The Movie

SISU takes audiences to World War II-era Finland, where a seemingly average elderly prospector by the name of Aatami Korpi stumbles upon an absolutely massive repository of gold. Now he has to travel over five hundred miles to deliver the gold to the nearest bank but hits a significant speed bump when he encounters a band of greedy Nazi soldiers. Armed with his trusty dog, a pickaxe, and a whole lot of guns, Korpi will have to fight his way to the far-off town and dig up some painful wounds from a past life.

Jalmari Helander's action-packed extravaganza already made a big splash in 2022 following a premiere at the Toronto International Film Festival, and now it's set to get a wider theatrical release fairly soon.



Be warned the trailer is very violent, as you might pick up from one of the quotes:

*"He's one mean mother --
that you do not want to mess with."*

See the trailer here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d2k4QAItiSA>

SISU arrives in theaters on Friday, April 28

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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