



When the Finns achieved independence from Sweden and Russia, they asked themselves who are we as a nation? They use their art to find themselves. Steve Niemi will discuss the art of Finnish painter **Akseli Gallen-Kallela** as it uncovers the question of Finnish identity.

Steve worked at the Detroit Institute of Arts as an interpretation specialist. His job was to help visitors appreciate and understand the art of Michigan's largest art museum. *The Presentation will be on Saturday, June 3rd, at 6PM in the clubroom*

\$5 a ticket. Leave an envelope in the Dropbox with cash or a check and number of tickets. Or pay with PayPal noting the number of tickets, but please add 3% to the total amount.

Each ticket will include an entry into a raffle for a framed picture of the tower.

Additional raffle tickets can be purchased for \$3 or 2 for \$5 at the door.

If you would like to help with the presentation please reach out to Gavin Wing. 248-722-0516.



## CALENDAR

## May

- 5—**Voima Boys Softball Opener** 6pm, Aho Field
- 5—**Friday Night Grill** 6pm, Ravintola
- 6—**Kentucky Derby Day** 4pm, clubroom
- 6—**Dance Hall Private Rental**
- 13—**Beach Beautification** 10am to 2pm
- 13—**Dance Hall Private Rental**
- 14—**Mother's Day Breakfast** 10am-1pm clubroom
- 21—**Board meeting** 9am, Board Room, Visitors at 11am
- 21—**100th Anniversary Committee** noon, clubroom
- 25—**Cultural Committee meeting** 6:30pm clubroom
- 28—**Scholarship Breakfast** 8:30 to 11am, Ravintola
- 28—**Camp Crawl** 3pm, clubroom
- 31—**Wednesday night dinners** 6PM Ravintola

## June

- 3—**Rummage Sale** Dance Hall
- 3—**Finnish Art Presentation** 6PM, clubroom
- 3—**Beach private rental**
- 10—**Lenki** Aho Field, 9AM
- 11—**Fishing Derby** 9AM Sun Lake
- 14—**Wednesday Night Dinner** 6PM, Ravintola
- 14—**Board meeting** 6pm, no visitors
- 17—**Juhannus**
- 25—**Board meeting** 9am, visitors 11am Boardroom
- 28—**Wednesday Night Dinner**, 6PM, Ravintola

## • 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)

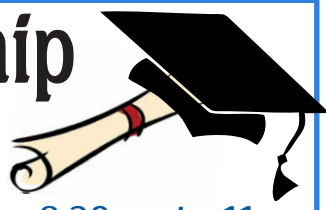
Private sauna rental is available.

## 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 the 15th of each month.

# Scholarship Breakfast



**Sunday, May 28th 8:30am to 11am**

Start your morning with a delicious breakfast! Eggs and Omelettes made to order. Bacon, Sausage, Toast, Fruit, Juice, and Coffee.

Current Applicants and past Scholarship Recipients - please email [scholarships@finncamp.org](mailto:scholarships@finncamp.org) to volunteer!!

Wear your college T-Shirts and arrive at 8am. Parent volunteers needed too!

## A few Quotes from Past Scholarship Recipients;

*"Thank you for continuing to offer scholarships to Finn Camp members and members children to pursue higher education"*

*"This scholarship is just one of the many great reasons why being a member of the Finn Camp is incredible."*

*"The Finn Camp Scholarship is not only a great help to the financial part of college, but it also encourages people to do well in school to maintain their eligibility for the scholarship."*

*"The scholarship is a great way to motivate young adults like myself to be successful in multiple aspects of college and life. It has pushed me to be a great student..."*

*"The scholarship has helped towards paying my school tuition has allowed me to continue my education"*

*"I am very fortunate to be able to experience college; however it is very expensive and the cost of tuition is only going up."*

*"Thank you! The scholarship was very helpful in paying for school tuition and books."*



Kentta being open on the weekend of August 5th & 6th is directly based on whether support is there within the membership for Saturday dinner and Sunday breakfast.

Please contact the Committee if you are interested in helping out with this year's Children's Production; get your hours in doing something you enjoy and that the kids love to do. Lighting, Sound, Stage, Directing....many talents needed.

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

# Kentucky Derby Day



**Saturday May 6th @ 4pm**

**JOIN US IN THE CLUBROOM  
FOR AN AFTERNOON & EVENING OF  
FAMILY-FRIENDLY DERBY THEMED FUN.  
COME DRESSED TO IMPRESS!**

- PRIZES FOR BEST HAT AND BEST DRESSED
- 50/50 RAFFLE
- PLEASE BRING A DISH TO PASS.

**SPONSORED BY THE BAR COMMITTEE**



Wednesday night dinners will happen every other Wednesday unless we can get some more help.



Friday Night Grill will run every Friday evening as long as we have volunteers to help run the grill.

Committees, friend groups and families are welcome to volunteer to run the grill.

Contact Becky Wendela 248-762-7282 for information.



Hosted by Board of Directors



# Camp Crawl

SUNDAY, MAY 28TH

Help kick off the camp-country season with your fellow campers in a Camp Crawl starting at 3pm. The group will start at the clubroom and move from camp to camp for drinks and appetizers, provided by the host camp. The Camp Crawl will conclude with a bonfire at Leppi's Landing.

\$5 entry to have a camp in the crawl. All registered camps will be entered for a door prize, donated by Chris Nordin. Contact Kayla Jokinen, Amber Martin or Sally Evans. Camps entered in the crawl may choose to have a beverage, an appetizer or just decorate. Additional raffle tickets will be available as well as a 50/50

Sponsored by  
the 100 Year Anniversary Committee.  
Register your camp by emailing Kayla at

[JOKINENK@ICLOUD.COM](mailto:JOKINENK@ICLOUD.COM)

or by text 810-287-3227

## LENKKI

THIS YEARS LENKKI WILL BE JUNE 10TH  
BREAKFAST AT 9:00AM  
WITH THE WALK STARTING AT 10:00AM

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO HELP WITH LENKKI PLEASE  
REACH OUT TO GAVIN WING - 248-722-0516.



## SWIM LESSONS

Swim lessons are offered to Member's Children and Guests beginning July 10th through August 3rd (Monday-Thursday), with the children showing off their skills at the Swim Meet on Saturday, August 5th.

Hunter Dreisbach will be returning this year as our Swim Instructor

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



## 2023 Tiger Outing

Saturday August 26



### Detroit Tigers vs. Houston Astros

Bus leaves clubroom promptly at 3:45PM

Cost - \$60/per person. Payment due by June 30

*If you would like to pay electronically, please let me know, I have PayPal, Venmo or Zelle, or you can drop your payment off at the clubroom but be sure to mark it "Tiger Outing" and include your name.*

There are a limited number of tickets available.

Please email or text Linda Gooden  
to reserve your spot

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

248.894.0974

Game tickets are all electronic now, so you will need to include your email address or phone number with your RSVP so I can send you your tickets.

Comerica Park is cashless, but bring a little cash for bus games.

- Brought to you by the Athletic Committee -

JUNE



11TH

9am Registration & fishing begins  
12pm Fishing ends and lunch is served

\$5 registration fee includes lunch; non-fishers can still enjoy lunch for \$5 plus a dish to pass.  
*Registration does not include beach and/or sauna fees; Members and their guests will need to sign-in for beach/sauna if staying beyond the derby.*

Work hour opportunities: Pre-derby Shopping, Registration, Set-up, Fish Collector, Fish Cleaners, Fry Cooks, Grill Master, and Clean-up.

Contact Matt Kujala should you be interested in supporting this event

[mattkujala84gmail.com](mailto:mattkujala84gmail.com)

or 248-444-2463



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](mailto: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>

**100  
Vuotta  
Vuosispäivä**



This event is being planned for June 19-22, 2025. We hope to have several entertainment venues, a tori market, and some fun activities. We need the memberships input and help with the following:

- Event duration – how many days will the event last?
- Public Involvement: Does the membership want to invite the public? Who? To what events? Do we invite other Finnish Organizations? Do we restrict the event to members and guests only?
- Money - How much money is the membership willing to spend from special projects for things like entertainment, grounds improvements, etc? The hope is to have this event without having to charge ticket prices for each activity/entertainer
- WE NEED PICTURES! We plan to hold a scanning event. Please include relevant information (names, dates/decade, location, etc.)
- Helpers /committee members- We are looking for more membership participation for this committee.

**Next meeting will be on May 21st at 12pm in the clubroom.**

- What is your favorite memory of Finn Camp? Where did you family migrate from in Finland? When did your family join Finn Camp? What is your Finn Camp Family tree? What does Finn Camp mean to you? We want to know! Please send us information.
- Logo creation to represent the 100th Anniversary. Submit a digital design to include something representing FinnCamp and 100 in any form. This image will be used for all production material for the 100th Anniversary. Submit ideas by the semi-annual meeting.

\*\*\*NOTE: all photos/stories submitted may be used for any of our projects (book, video, slide show, etc.)\*\*\*  
 All Photos, Stories & Logo ideas can be emailed to:

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

or mailed to Finn Camp, 2524 Loon Lake Road, Wixom, MI 48393 – Attention 100yr

***Our goals for this event:***

- CELEBRATE! GET THE MEMBERSHIP EXCITED AND INVOLVED WITH FINN CAMP
- Educate members on the history of Finn Camp
- Educate our community (still need to establish who this includes)
- Start establishing archives and organizing files/photos
- Compile a Finn Camp history timeline

## Finn Camp's Annual Meeting

At Finn Camp's Annual Meeting on April 23, the membership re-elected Rebecca Wendela and Tony Koski and elected Linda Gooden to the board of directors. Chris Nordin was selected as the first alternate board member. The board thanks Leah Paukovits for her service for the last four years.

### **The membership discussed six motions:**

- A motion to increase the charge for unworked hours was passed.
- A motion to add a hotspot at the sauna was passed.
- A motion to remove the brick structure by the flagpoles near the clubroom was passed.
- A motion to construct a disk golf course on the grounds passed.
- A motion to increase the sauna rental rate was tabled until October.
- A motion to spend bar committee funds for a new pop machine in the clubroom passed.

### **Upcoming Meetings:**

May 21st 9am, 11 am visitors

June 14th 9am, no visitors

June 25th 9am, visitors at 11am

## 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!

## Future Finn Camp Events

- July 5 Swim Lesson Assessment & Registration at Sun Lake
- July 7 Pesäpallo at Aho field
- July 10 Swim Lessons begin
- July 22 Sisu Sisters Breakfast
- July 22 Dance Hall Private Rental
- August 5-6 Children's Weekend
- August 11-13 Finn Fest
- August 26 Tiger Outing - Detroit Tigers vs. Houston Astros
- August 26 Dance Hall Private Rental
- September 16 Dance Hall Private Rental
- October 7 Dance Hall Private Rental
- November 17 Sauna Private Rental
- November 23 Clubroom Private Rental
- December 16 Clubroom Private Rental

## 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.

Spring projects: Sun lake children's play set will be installed in May. Cement work at the sauna entrance has been completed. Keep an eye out for announcements.

Members with suggestions, comments or board-related business and questions are asked to e-mail: [www.finnncamp.org](http://www.finnncamp.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.

**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.

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



Come on out and earn some work hours. We need members to rake leaves, pull weeds, weed whack, spread mulch and plant flowers. Come and help make our beach area beautiful for the summer season

*Contact Leah for any questions 248-797-0798*

#### **Beach Manager Help Needed**

The Board is looking for people to share the Beach Manager duties this summer. A hot spot will be available to the beach manager throughout the summer Please contact Leah 248-797-0798

Also:

- The cement redo at the entrance of Sun Lake has been completed.

## Equipment Available

Two pieces of equipment are available. Neither piece is currently in working condition. Members should send a closed bid to the board. If no bids are received, the equipment will be disposed. (Month 2 of 3)

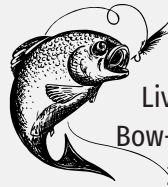
### Wood Splitter & Grasshopper Lawnmower



## 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](mailto:Store@finncamp.org).



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Live Bait • Reloading • Fishing Supplies  
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2600 Benstien Rd. Wolverine Lake  
We're just south of Glengary Road  
248-624-3333

[LakesAreaBaitShop@yahoo.com](mailto:LakesAreaBaitShop@yahoo.com)

Suppliers to the Finn Camp Fishing Derby



## NOTARY PUBLIC

Do you require documents to be authenticated, notarised and attested?

Sandra Seabrook - [sseabrook2004@yahoo.com](mailto:sseabrook2004@yahoo.com)



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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.*

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## BOARD AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS

May 17—**Board Meeting** 9AM, Boardroom, Visitors at 11

June 14—**Board meeting** 6pm, no visitors

June 25—**Board meeting** 9am, visitors 11am Boardroom

### In Finland

With Steve Niemi's upcoming Presentation of the Great Finnish Painter **Askelli Callen-Kallela**, (see page one) Here's some different art of Finland - The Graphic Design of Vintage Posters



The link below will take you to view and purchase Vintage **Finnish Posters, Postcards & Phone Cases** at reasonable prices.

(the postcards are a good size for our small Camp walls)

To see many more, just type *Vintage Finnish Posters* in any on-line search for some truly Beautiful Art.

<https://www.zazzle.com/finland+vintage+travel+posters>

### Need a Seamstress?

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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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