



Our annual Juhannus celebration is scheduled to be held on Saturday, June 17th. Come out early for a whole day of fun with food, games, live Finnish band, dancing, wish stick making, and of course The Kokko (bonfire). The kitchen will be open for lunch and dinner on Saturday and for breakfast on Sunday. We are planning to hold a horseshoe and pickleball tournament along with other games - mölkky Finnish darts, boot toss, and cornhole.

Admission to be on the grounds for the day is \$5 per person. More info and an event schedule will be posted on our Members Only Facebook page and emailed.

There is a lot of opportunity to get in work hours this weekend and we need your help for success! We will need people to help with the following: kitchen, button designer, button maker and assembler, button sellers, raffles, games, path light setup and take down, security (at the Kokko), etc.

Please contact Kayla at 810-287-3227 if you are available to help out or to donate raffle prizes. Kiitos!

REMINDER! The cost of unworked hours has increased from \$20 to \$30 dollars per hour. Please see the Work Administrator Report for work hour information and contact. The community needs you!

CALENDAR

June

- 3—**Rummage Sale** Dance Hall
- 3—**Finnish Art Presentation** 6PM, clubroom
- 3—**Beach private rental**
- 3—**Woods Committee** 8:30 AM, Pole Barn
- 10—**Lenki** Aho Field, 9AM
- 11—**Fishing Derby** 9AM Sun Lake
- 14—**Board meeting** 6pm, no visitors
- 17—**Juhannus**
- 25—**Board meeting** 9am, visitors 11am Boardroom

July

- 2—**100th Anniversary Committee breakfast**, Kentta
- 5—**Swim Lesson Assessment & Registration**, Sun Lake
- 7—**Pesäpallo** at Aho field
- 10—**Swim Lessons**
- 22—**Sisu Sisters Breakfast**
- 22—**Dance Hall Private Rental**

• The Clubroom Hours •

Friday & Saturday - 7:00 PM - Close

• Off Season Sauna Hours •

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| 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 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 the 15th of each month.



SWIM LESSONS

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Leave it to Finlanders to create their own version of Baseball.

Pesäpallo, Finland's national sport — often played in the countrysides of Finland — may be equated to American baseball, but, with some very different rules. Pesäpallo packs a punch. With fast pace, constant action, two four-inning periods, no game drags on. No outfield exists. No players strike out from a caught fly ball. Every pitched ball is played. While both teams simultaneously serve as fielders and batters, fielders continuously chase fly-balls as far as neighboring gas stations. Those batters sure can hit. In fact, pitchers pitch, not from a long range mound, but from an arm's length of the batter. They pop that ball vertically, and the batter strikes, then zig-zags to bases. Cause who wants to run in straight lines when zig-zagging to bases is so much cooler. Much what Lauri "Tahko" Pihkala probably would've said as he thought up Pesäpallo during Babe-Ruth's heyday in the 1920's. He must've shared the same enthusiasm Finlanders still hold for their sport today. Most liken attending Pesäpallo games to attending church. It's that sacred of an event for Finlanders that entire towns, sometimes thousands of fans, show up to cheer on players.

How exciting it is for us at Finncamp as we are planning a Pesäpallo game on the first Friday in July. Please do consider joining in on this one of a kind opportunity to either play Finland's national sport or cheer on our players.



Thanks, and see you at the game.



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



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.

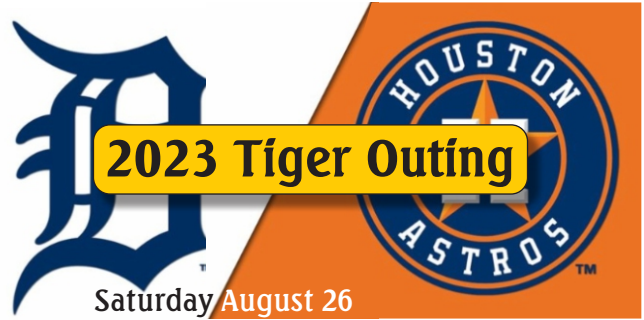
Contact Becky Wendela 248-762-7282 for information.



Camp Crawl

Camp Crawl raised over \$500 for the 100 Year Anniversary Committee!

We had 16 camps with over sixty people participating! Congratulations to our gnome door prize winner, Jacob and Kasey Hill, and our 50/50 winner, Jason Evans. The committee thanks everyone who participated.



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

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 –



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



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>

100
 Vuotta
 Vuosipäivä



This event is being planned for June 19-22, 2025. We hope to have several entertainment venues, a tori market, and some fun activities.

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 in October.

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

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

Breakfast on July 2nd at the Kentta
 Next meeting August 27th at noon in the clubroom

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

mattkujala84@gmail.com

or 248-444-2463

Scholarship Breakfast



Thank you to everyone who supported the breakfast. It was well-attended and our chefs did an amazing job!

Congratulations to our prize winners from the 52-card game! We greatly appreciate the support from our local restaurants who donated prizes for 2023, including; Up Town Grille, Zerbos, Big Mouth Burgers and Benstein Grille!



Students sold cards during the breakfast for a chance to win restaurant gift cards and other prizes including beautiful ferns!

Work Administrator Update

Summer is here!

We are looking for many helpers to maintain the community throughout the summer.

Your work administrators can help with your work hour needs and support equipment use:

Ralph Heikkinen 313-610-5478

Rob Zewatsky 248-877-0601

Mike Niemasz 248-240-0480

By just looking around the grounds you will see projects that are needed. Here are a few to get you started:

- Weed whacking at the clubroom/rav and mowing along Lyonla and drive up to Sun Lake.
- Sun Lake beach needs some TLC around the trees and docks as well as the play structure.



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. *"This discussion 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.

Future Finn Camp Events

- 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



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

Reminder: camp inspections are on June 10, 2023. Please make sure your leaves are removed from your camp area, your camp has numbers on the road side of your camp, and that your area is clear of debris.

Please refer to Blue Book rule 203.2.1.5.2

The Board would like to welcome new members, Meaghan Linick sponsored by Pam Linick and Sherry Martin, and Raelyn Pitera and her husband Anthony, sponsored by Lori Aro and Mary Barie.

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

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



The Woods committee is renting a wood chipper on June 3rd starting at 8:30am - meet at pole barn. We are looking for helpers to pull the large piles and brush to the road so we can run it through the chipper.

We only have this for a day and the more people we have helping the more we will be able to get done!

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 3 of 3)

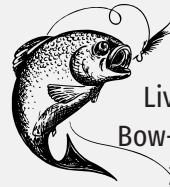
Wood Splitter & Grasshopper Lawnmower



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.



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BOARD AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS

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

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

Finnish Corner

Michigan's Finlandia University Closes its Doors



After more than a century, the university in Michigan's Upper Peninsula has celebrated its last group of graduates. Nearly 100 crossed the stage at Finlandia University, which had announced in March that it would close, citing debt, low enrollment and other challenges.

"This is not a funeral," Stephen Nikander, whose great-grandfather founded what began as Suomi College, told graduates. "Commencement means beginning. As your post-collegiate lives begin, know that you received a unique valuable learning experience here."

Finlandia was founded in 1896 as Suomi College by Finnish Lutheran immigrants. It is affiliated with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

Finlandia had more than 600 students at its peak but recently had less than 400.

For the History of this Michigan/Finish institution and their definition of SISU visit:

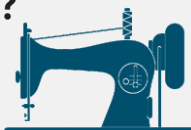
<https://www.finlandia.edu/about/heritage/>

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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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