



There is Still Space

Join Us for an Epic Day of Golf & Fun!

- Scrambles Tournament.
- Tee-times are 12pm to 2pm, *we will be assigning tee off times a few days before the event.* Handicaps will be issued at check-in.
- There is a \$5.00 entry fee. *We are still waiting on final course fees from Hickory Hill. Last year the fees were \$21 for cart and \$11 for walkers.*
- Open to all members and their guests
- Post Party to follow at Sun Lake - *Bring your own BBQ and coolers - the grill will be hot!*
- Prizes for longest drive, closest to pin, cart decorating and raffle.

To Sign-up see or text

Becky Wendela
(248-762-7282)

OR

Jeff Pype
(248-675-9578)



Bordeaux, Bordeaux, Bordeaux

Mark your calendars for Saturday, September 23rd for the 14th annual Finn Camp Wine Tasting! Enjoy a lovely early fall (late summer) evening outside the Ravintola, tasting red and white wines from France's most famous Bordeaux region. Get some wine knowledge, enjoy light appetizers and music, win it big with the white elephant raffle, and mingle with your fellow Finn Campers. *Seating is limited.*

**The Cost is \$25 PER PERSON
Begins promptly at 5pm**

Please Text Joni by September 17th to reserve your seat or to coordinate donating raffle prizes 248-882-4626

CALENDAR

September

- 1—Tax Payments Due
- 1—Deadline for Scholarship Applications
- 2—Variety Show 7pm, Dance Hall
- 2—Goofy Golf Noon, Ravintola
- 3—Labor Day Golf Outing
- 9—Camper's Picnic 7pm, outside Clubroom
- 9—Centennial Committee scanning event 5PM, clubroom.
- 10—Centennial Committee meeting 1PM, clubroom.
- 10—Board meeting 9am, visitors at 11 Boardroom
- 17—Pickle Ball Triple Crown second leg 11am, pickle ball court
- 23—Finn Camp Disc Classic 10am, clubroom
- 23—Wine Tasting 5PM, Ravintola

October

- 1—Nordic Dance Folk Lesson 2pm, Dance Hall
- 1—Pickle Ball Triple Crown 11am, Pickleball court
- 7—Dance Hall Private Rental
- 8—Board Meeting 9am, visitors 11am Boardroom
- 14—Club Room Private Rental
- 28—Kids Halloween Party
- 29—Semi Annual Meeting 12pm, Clubroom

• The Clubroom Hours •

Friday & Saturday - 7:00pm to Close
(The Clubroom Bar maintains regular business hours open to the membership during rentals)

• Off-Season Sauna Hours •

Wednesday 6pm-9pm - All members & guests
(run by volunteer)
Saturday 3pm-9pm All members & guests welcome
Sunday 3pm-8pm - All members & guests
(run by volunteer)
Private sauna rental is available.

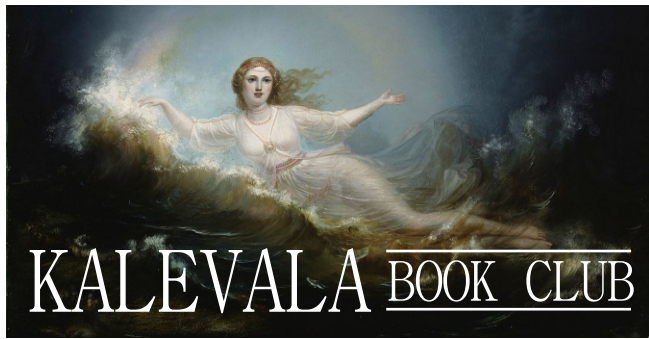
• Summer Beach Hours •

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 11am-7pm
Wednesday, Saturday, Sunday 11am-9pm

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.**



Compiled by Elias Lönnrot in the 19th century, the Kalevala is considered the national epic poem of Finland and weaves together different elements of Finnish folklore and mythology. The Kalevala is an essential part of Finnish cultural heritage and has played a significant role in shaping Finnish national identity. The poem is also an important work of literature and has influenced many Finnish writers and artists over the years.
-herfinland.com

This coming winter, I would like to start a book club that would cover the Kalevala. Idea would be to meet every other week or once a month depending on what people decide. Although I'm very intrigued to learn more, I'm probably not the person to lead the discussions.



Please reach out if you're interested in joining the group. Also, If you feel you want to lead the group or know someone that could, please let me know.

Time, Date & Place
all TBD

Gavin Wing
248 722 0516

Semi-Annual Meeting

The Semi-Annual Meeting will be on Sunday, October 29th in the clubroom

The Board will be bringing a motion to the October Semi-Annual Meeting to spend \$10,000 on repairs and renovations to the sauna shower room and dressing rooms on both the men and women's side.



Nordic Heritage Folk Dance Practice

The cultural committee is pleased to cooperate with the Finnish Center Association to add a date for folk dance practice in our dance hall. Have fun while preserving traditional Finnish, Swedish, Norwegian, Danish, and Icelandic culture through folk dancing.

September 10, 2023 at Finnish Center Association
October 1, 2023 at Finn Camp Dance Hall
October 29, 2023 at Finnish Center Association
November 19, 2023 at Finnish Center Association

Dancing begins at 2pm. Instructor Glendene Thornbloom will take you from basic steps and simple dances from the Nordic countries along with more complex dances for the experienced folk dancer. For ages 6 to 100.

If you have any questions please email
Glendene Thornbloom at
gathorn4@gmail.com
or
Kayla Jokinen at
jokinenk@icloud.com.



Save the date for our 11th Holiday Extravaganza
Wednesday Nov. 15th & Thursday Nov. 16th
5pm to 8pm

We will have unique vendors
Selling a wide variety of
custom crafts and art work.
Also baked goods and pasties of course!
Questions please call Kari Aro 248-217-5467
Hope to see you all there

Recreation Committee News

Children's Weekend looked a little different this year

We had 9-kids enrolled in swimming lessons this year. Instead of the usual swim meet, we held a swimming exhibition to showcase the progress these kids made during their 4-weeks of lessons!

- Congrats to: Landon T., Adrian T., Donovan R., Luke T., Amelia D., Lars M., Jacob K., Henry K., and Cole B. They conquered fears of going under water, swimming in the 'deep' end, jumping from the dock or tower, building endurance, and perfecting strokes! Many thanks to our fabulous instructor, Hunter Dreisbach!

- Saturday evening we held a Taco Bar dinner at the Kentta followed by a Family Karaoke and Dance party in the Dancehall! Thanks to Chuck and Kemmy for helping get 70+ dinners served!

- Sunday morning was the traditional Dad's breakfast and although a bit rainy and cold - it did not disappoint! A heartfelt KIITOS and shout out to our Dads: Chuck R., Marty B., Shawn B., Matt K., and Bryan T. The annual Track Meet followed with kids ranging from 2-11yrs old.

- Along with the traditional events, there was the addition of disc golf. Thanks to Denny for bringing the load of sand for our long-jump pit and to Gavin for assisting the kids with the disc golf hole.



Next up:

- Finn Camp Variety Show: Saturday, 9/2/23 at 7pm in the Dancehall. Informal dress rehearsal will be held on Friday, 9/1 at 7pm.
- Kids Halloween Party and Trick-or-Treating: Saturday, 10/28/23 - watch October newsletter for details
- Future event: Pikku Joulu, Sunday, 12/3/23.

FUTURE RECREATION COMMITTEE EVENT DATES

TALENT SHOW – Saturday, Sept. 2nd – *See separate article/flyer for additional information!*

KIDS HALLOWEEN PARTY – Saturday, Oct. 28th

PIKKU JOULU: Little Christmas – Sunday, Dec 3rd

The Rec Committee invites you to show us your talent!

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VARIETY SHOW

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 2ND

@ 7pm in the Dance Hall

Sing, dance, tell jokes, do magic, you name it, we want to see it

Informal dress rehearsal Friday, Sept 1st @ 7pm

To sign your participant up or if you have questions, Please call, text or email Tracy at 586-764-3090 tracylynn726@gmail.com

Grand Finale will be a Sing a Long of the Finn Camp Song!

Scholarship Committee News



Reminder—the deadline to submit 2023 Scholarship Application is September 1st.

Refer to the application located on the Finn Camp website for eligibility. All documentation must be included with the application. Below is the link to the application form:

<https://www.finncamp.org/forms/finn-campscholarship-application-2019.pdf>

Sign-up for Scholarship Committee opportunities!

Email: kimziegler6@gmail.com

ATHLETICS COMMITTEE EVENTS

Pickle Ball Triple Crown

Trophies will be given for the winners of each leg. On the final leg, points will be totalled and a Triple Crown Winner will be awarded. It will be Co-op and Round Robin Style. Tell your friends!

First leg Aug. 27th at 11am

Goofy Golf

-Goofy Golf will be taking Place Sep. 2nd 12-3. You can bring a putter if you want but can't say you'll use it on very many holes. What's needed to play the holes will be provided. Kitchen will be open serving lunch items. If you have ideas for holes or want to help design the course, contact Gavin or Remi. We'll also need some help in the kitchen.

Finn Camp Disc Classic

Sep. 23rd

It will consist of 24 holes, two rounds of 12. First throwers at 10:00 a.m. Depending on the number of participants, we may group by the leaderboard for second round. At the very least we'll have two divisions, beginner and non-beginner.

Please register in advance by emailing or texting Gavin at gavinwings3@gmail.com or 2487220516. Include name and division. Registration on site starting at 9:00 a.m.

Seeking Christmas Lights

-Looking for donations of Christmas lights and other lighted winter decorations. The plan is to offer a lighted Forest, at least 5 nights starting first weekend of December, then the adult Christmas party, New Years Eve party and Winterfest. Please contact Gavin at 2487220516 if you have stuff to donate.

Seeking donations for Disc Golf Holes

We are currently accepting donations towards Disc golf holes. it's 100 per hole. With that you will get a placard on the tee box thanking you for your

donation or whatever you'd like it to say. Holes, 2, 4, 5, 9, 12, 13 & 17 are open. Leave a check in drop box with the hole you'd like. If using paypal remember there is a 2.9% fee, please include that with the number hole you'd like. Contact Gavin or Scott if you'd like a tour to see the holes.



Scott Taipala won the prize for the oldest Finn Fest T-shirt with this shirt from 2006

Pickle Ball Triple Crown *First Leg Results*

| Girls | Guys |
|----------|----------|
| Gina 27 | Denny 33 |
| Kemmy 23 | John 33 |
| Iggy 22 | Brad 25 |

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.



The 100th Anniversary Committee is now called the Centennial Committee

Several logo submissions have been received. If you think you would like to submit a logo, please do by email (Finncamp2025@gmail.com) or mail 2524 Loon Lake Rd, Wixom, MI 48393

Our next meeting will be Sept 10th @ 1pm in the clubroom. We are hoping to set up a team meeting for remote members to participate. Sept 9th at 5pm in the clubroom, we are having a scanning event to help get some photo material for use. Please consider joining us with pictures or just stop by to see what we are doing.

Do you have any pictures of the following:

- Clubroom/Dancehall
- Plays
- Juhannus
- Kids Clubhouse
- Powerhouse
- Sauna
- Athletic events
- Camp country
- Ravintola
- Bridge
- Beach
- Children's weekend

If you would like to submit photos to be scanned please contact finncamp2025@gmail.com or Sally Evans 248-767-4472. Don't forget, we can use slides as well as just photos.

Sauna Workers Needed

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 link below to sign-up or text Becky Wendela 248-762-7282

if you are able to run it. You will receive 4 hours per Wednesday and 6 hours per Sunday. This work hour year is ending soon - hours are due 10/31/22.



Or use the QR Code

•Use the links below to sign up to run the sauna.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E49ADAA2DA6F8CE9-offseason#/>



Hei Finn Campers,
Calling all Sisu Sisters, please mark your calendar for Friday November 17, 2023 from 7pm to 10pm Spa Night at the Sauna.

A wonderful night to relax and pamper yourself with a free Sauna, delicious food, \$1 a minute massage, a couple fun games and visiting with friends. Hope to see you there.

A special thank you to Brenda & Jim Flinkman for accomplishing my wish list of tasks around the Butterfly Gardens.

Would also like to give Michelle Ebel, Declan Ebel, Mackenzie McKeever, Owen McKeever a special thank you for all their efforts power washing, scraping and painting Ryan Arbour camp. Ryan was one of the lucky winners of last year's Raffle. Everyone did a GREAT JOB!

Also need to Thank Amanda & Israel Nordin for taking time out from Finn Fest to paint the recycled fence behind the Tractor Garage.

Truly appreciate all of your hard work!!
Thank you,

The Sisu Sisters

Future Finn Camp Events

- October 1 Nordic Folk Dance Lesson in the Dancehall
- October 1 Pickle Ball Triple Crown third leg
- October 7 Dance Hall Private Rental
- October 14 Club Room Private Rental Day Time
- October 28 Kids Halloween Party
- October TBD Semi-Annual Meeting
- November 5 Fall Talkoo
- November 12 Board Meeting
- November 17 SISU Sisters Sauna Rental
- November 19 Club Room Private Rental
- November 23 Clubroom Private Rental
- December 3 Pikku Joulu
- December 16 Clubroom Private Rental
- December 24 Club Room private rental

The Club Room Bar is open to the membership normal business hours during Rentals



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.

There are plenty of projects for those members that are looking to work their hours. Please contact Ralph Heikkinen at 313.610.5478.

Stay tuned - We will be closing the sauna for at least one week (after the summer season) for maintenance such as power washing, painting, deep cleaning of stoves etc. We will need lots of helpers to get this project done quickly. If we aren't able to get the help, sauna may have to stay closed longer than one week.

Campers, please make sure you are locking your belongings up at camp. We have been notified of a member's Stihl leaf blower being stolen from their camp porch.

As the new disc golf course is being utilized, the Board wants to remind everyone that the trails are mixed-use now. Walkers please beware of disc golfers, and disc golfers please beware of walkers.

The outdoor restroom at Sun Lake is not available until further notice.

Attention all committees:

The Board would like for you to communicate with us regarding events, projects and fundraisers 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. board@finncamp.org

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:

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.

Tax bills are being mailed/emailed the first week in August and due September 1st. If you do not receive your bill by August 15th please email:

treasurer@finncamp.org

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

47th FINN FEST

Our 47th FINN FEST was a fabulous weekend with many Finn Camp members and friends here to enjoy the traditional festival foods, shopping at the Finn Camp Store, Scholarship committee raffle, Athletic committee games and 'oldest Finn Fest t-shirt' challenge, and music from the porch, Clubroom, and Dancehall! We were hit with a big storm on Friday evening but did get the Home-Run derby finished before being chased into the Clubroom when the tornado sirens went off!

Congrats to our 2023 derby winner: Taylor Masiewicz. Our tournament Champions were 'G-Brand'. Runner-up was 'Mikula Chiropractic' and 3rd place finish went to 'Super-friends'.

KIITOS to those members, and some friends, who came out to work their hours during the festival and especially to those that stepped up and filled in when there was no one else to fill the spot!! Thank you, thank you, thank you!! So much work is done to pull this event together and make it successful. Every bit of help and effort is important and we truly appreciate all of you!!

Finally, big thanks to the entire FINN FEST team: Remi Pye with Greg Pelto managing all the amazing food in the kitchen and the food tent from breakfast through dinner; Wayne Jokinen, Ray Malila, and Denny Sennhenn along with the entire Bar Committee for keeping our glasses full; Tina Santti for handling the weekend cash flow and bookkeeping details; Lon Matero for all sound connections; Patti Leppi for Finn Camp/Finn Fest merchandise; Drew Pye with Sam Barrett for getting our perimeter fencing up and down; Larry Gooden on security detail and to our caretakers, Gavin Wing and Cory Sturr, for picking up after us all weekend!!

Thank you to Jeff Pye for a great softball tournament and to Bob O'Brien for handling the Home-Run Derby.

Last, but not least, special thanks to my 2nd-year co-chair, Drew Pye—who stepped up in all areas to make sure we were running smoothly from pre-festival meetings, set-up, clean-up, and everything in between!!


Robyn Jokinen, Finn Fest Chairman



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wendogabby@gmail.com



BOARD AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Sep 10—**Board meeting** 9am, visitors 11am, Boardroom



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.

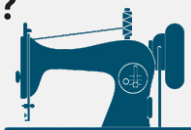


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Free "Classified" Ads

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.)
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