



Ghoulish Greetings Finn campers,
welcome to your nightmare

Adult Halloween Party,

Saturday, October 21, @7:30pm
in the clubroom.

Enter if you dare foolish mortals, we'll have a
fiendishly, freaky, fabulous time

Come join us & eat, drink, and be scary-

Prizes for best costumes

*A dish for the food table will keep the spirits
from haunting your camp*

A bar committee event

Scary Sherry



Semi-Annual Meeting

Sunday, October 29th in the clubroom

Meeting begins Promptly at Noon

Registration will begin at 11:00 am

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.

CALENDAR

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
- 8—Forest Committee 10am-2pm, Pole Barn
- 14—Club Room Private Rental
- 15—Centennial Committee noon, clubroom
- 21—Adult Halloween Party 7:30pm, clubroom
- 28—Kids Halloween Party
- 29—Semi Annual Meeting 12pm, Clubroom

November

- 4—Harvest Dinner 3-5pm, clubroom
- 12—Centennial Committee noon, clubroom
- 15-16—Holiday Extravaganza 5pm, clubroom
- 17—Spa Night 7pm, sauna

• The Clubroom Hours •

Wednesdays through October - 8:00pm to Close

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.

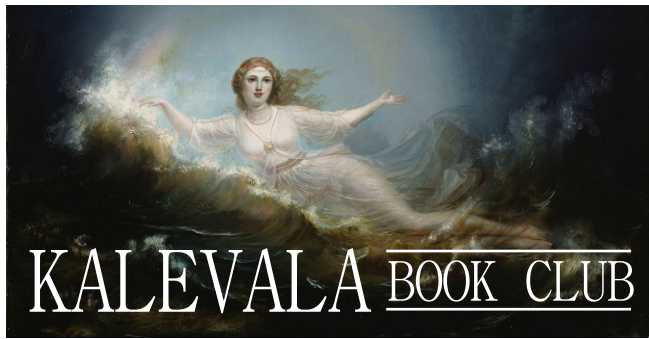
UPCOMING EVENTS;

*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.**

Sauna Cleaning

The Sauna will be Closed for Cleaning &
Repair on Sunday October 15th – 17th
Repairs on the stove, rock cleaning,
and bench repairs will be performed
during this time.



KALEVALA BOOK CLUB

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



Harvest Dinner

November 4th from 3 to 5.

The Bar Committee will supply toss salad, turkey, mashed potatoes and a vegetable.
Please bring your favorite dish to pass.



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.

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



Next meetings:

October 15th at noon in the clubroom

November 12th at noon in the clubroom.

Please let me know if you are interested in attending via team meeting. I need either a phone number (mobile) or email address. I am not great at the electronic meetings but am willing to try.

Our scanning event was very successful. The committee has made progress in identifying rare historical artifacts. We've digitized books, posters, flyers, programs, newsletters, scripts, tickets, and a number of black & white photos. Thanks to all who participated. We are still looking for more material, not just people but we need places as well. *We can also use slides, not just photos.*

Please have all submissions for logo design sent to finncamp2025@gmail.com or mailed to 2524 Loon Lake Rd, Wixom, MI 48393 by the semi-annual meeting. This image will be used for all production material for the 100th Anniversary.

Here are some ideas we are currently working with:

2025 Music performers ideas

- Bruce Sagan – Scandinavian folk music
- The Motor City ReDones – Rock cover band
- Jennifer Westwood – Detroit soulful Americana music
- Steve 'N' Seagulls – Finnish country bluegrass
- Netta Skog – Finnish accordion virtuoso
- Aron – Finnish Elvis impersonator
- FinnFolk – Finnish American folk
- Dennis Burck – Country and blues

2025 Presenters ideas

- Nordic folk dance group
- Frida Waara – Finnish American skier
- Steve Niemi – Art, music, cultural presentation
- Lönnroots – Folk documentary
- Any Finn Camp members that would be interested

2025 Book/Documentary topic ideas

- Madeline Salonen newsletter articles:
- Ravintola • Talkoot • Bridge
- Kids Clubhouse • Loon Lake in the 60's
- Bathrooms • Power house • Bell

Headings inside 1965 book:

- Beginning • Beach • Incorporation
- Dance Hall • Summer School
- Cottage & Camp Area • Athletics & Sports
- Outdoor Stage • Juhannus • Beverages



Finn Camp Variety Show was held on Saturday evening, Sept 2nd! There were 13 acts, with members of all ages, who shared their musical, dramatic, magical, and other talents! Special thanks to Tracy Tullis as Producer of this event and for pulling it together and to Lon Matero for managing all sound and lighting for the show! It was a fabulous evening!!

The annual Kids Halloween Party will be Saturday, October 28th. Trick or Treating will begin at 6pm through the WEST side CAMP COUNTRY. Don't have a camp - buddy up with a fellow camper or 'haunt' a vacant area to pass out your treats to our little Goblins!! The activities will continue in the Clubroom/Dancehall with games, music, snacks, treat swapping, and hay rides!

To help out with games, activities, set-up or clean-up - contact us at

recreation@finncamp.org

to get those last minute work hours covered! Watch for FaceBook and e-mail blasts for additional info and details!

FUTURE RECREATION COMMITTEE EVENT DATES

KIDS HALLOWEEN PARTY – Saturday, Oct. 28th

PIKKU JOULU: Little Christmas – Sunday, Dec 3rd



Thank you to the following local businesses for their support of The Finn Camp and the Scholarship Committee!

Glengary Inn • Hickory Hill Golf Club

Link to Scholarship Form:

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

Link for more information:

kimziegler6@gmail.com



Thank you to all the participants in the Labor Day Golf Outing. We had a beautiful day at Hickory Hill with 9 teams participating. It was great to see golfers of all ages and different skill levels. A special shout out to Harry Kansman who was able to participate at age 94 – way to swing those clubs Harry!

Every year the winner gets to sign their name to the coveted trophy – The Garbage Can. Congrats to Ray Miller and Sandra Seabrook's team for bringing home the trophy! We hope it is proudly displayed!



URGENT Need for Area Clean-up

- Pole Barn -

We will be meeting every Saturday in October starting 10/7, from 10am-2pm, to remove the debris surrounding the pole barn.

It has recently been brought to our attention that the Pole Barn is at risk of being removed from our insurance due to the cotton woods surrounding the building as well the items that have been scattered throughout the perimeter. For years there has been debris, boats, cement, old swings, etc. dumped and left. We need to correct this issue by end of November and need help to clear this area so we can address the cottonwoods and make needed repairs to the perimeter of the pole barn. The woods committee has already started the process by splitting logs that are in the way. Bring long pants, thick work gloves and a willingness to get things done. Anything that has been dumped here is considered garbage or scrap metal and will not be put up for auction.

Sauna Closed for Cleaning & Repair

Sunday October 15th – 17th.

Repairs on the stove, rock cleaning, and bench repairs will be performed during this time. This is a great way to get in last minute work hours. Work hours are due by October 31st. Please contact Matt George, 248-894-0823 if you are interested in working this project. We need rock cleaners and anyone who can use a hammer.



Hei Sisus Sisters,

Calling all Sisus Sisters, please mark your calendar
Friday November 17, 2023 from 7pm to 10pm

Spa Night at the Sauna

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

Hope to see you there. Sara Heikkinen

The Sisus Sisters

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#/>

Future Finn Camp Events

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| • November 5 | Fall Talkoo |
| • November 12 | Board Meeting |
| • November 12 | Centennial Committee |
| • November 15-16 | Holiday Extravaganza |
| • 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 (see page one) 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

Attention Dog Owners

The Board would like to remind members of Blue Book Rule 203.1.3.

1. Animals are not permitted on the grounds unless properly leashed.
2. Animals that are under control may be unleashed at designated areas (Loon Lake beach, athletic field, and wooded areas.)
3. Animals are not allowed in public eating areas.
4. Members are responsible for cleaning up after their own pet(s).
5. Dogs shall not create a nuisance by barking or baying.
6. The Board of Directors may fine a member for their animals misbehavior after receiving two written complaints on separate occasions from different members.

Camps up for Bids

The board is now accepting bids on camps 137 & 52.

If you would like to submit a bid please put it in a sealed envelope either in the drop box outside the clubroom or mail to:

2524 Loon Lake Rd, Wixom MI 48393

The outside of the envelope must say "Camp Bid" and inside the envelope please include which camp you will be bidding on and the amount.



Come shop at the Finn Camp store.

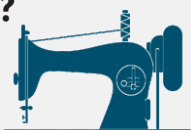
Lots of new tee shirts, mugs, hats & backpacks.

For access to the store during off hours,
call Patti Leppi, 248-921-1432
or email, Store@finncamp.org.

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to schedule loading and pick up.

Call or text Mike Honka
at 248-860-5109

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Min. two week notice

(248) 971-9879

wendogabby@gmail.com



BOARD AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Oct 8—**Board Meeting** 9am, visitors 11am, Boardroom
Nov Board Meeting TBD

Halloween In Finland



The American **Halloween** is closely related to **All Saints' Day**. For decades, though, it has been divorced from its Christian meaning. Americans now celebrate it as a non-religious holiday. Across the United States, people are trick-or-treating, dressing up in costumes, having parties, and decorating their houses with jack-o-lanterns at Halloween.

This non-religious version of the All Hallows' Eve only came to Finland in recent years.

Celebrating Halloween in Finland started in daycare centers and schools, where children had parties, dressed up, had fun, and ate lots of candy. The trick-or-treating aspect of Halloween hasn't found a foothold in Finland.

All Saints' Day

Pyhäinpäivä, the religious holiday that takes place on the Saturday between October 31 and November 6 translates into English as **All Saints' Day**. Both the Finnish and the English name makes a reference to saints. Included in the meaning, are deceased loved ones. And this is what the day is for in Finland. Remembering those that have passed.

Use the link below to see a short Video explaining the history of **All Saints day in Finland**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QFMCZH6p1nQ&t=184s>

this article gathered from a few online stories

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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