Camp Ramah in Wisconsin Historical Highlights

1947 - Camp Ramah in Wisconsin opens at the location of Larson's Buckatabon Lake Resort; Henry R. Goldberg is first director and David Lieber is head counselor. Enrollment: 98 campers

1948 – Midwest Region of the National Federation of Men's Club cabin dedicated (first construction project undertaken by Camp Ramah)

1949 – First tennis court constructed in memory of Ben Kanter; Rabbi Hillel Silverman becomes director

1951 – South dining hall constructed and north dining hall becomes Bet Am; Louis Newman becomes Director

1952 – *An American in Israel* is the first Hebrew operetta composed and written entirely by campers

1954 – Rabbi Seymour Fox becomes director

1955 – Construction of new Bet Am; *Oklahoma!* in Hebrew is the first major staff musical show

1956 – Rabbi Jerome Abrams becomes director

1957 – First guest house constructed for visitors to camp

1958 – Rabbi David Mogilner becomes director

1960 – Rabbi Burton Cohen becomes director

1962 – First Ramah Seminar for high school seniors held in Israel

1965 – WRMH, Ramah's radio station, begins regular broadcasting

1968 – Waterfront introduces waterskiing and sailing programs; first enrollment of children of former campers

1969 – Relocation of Buckatabon Road to provide for expansion of campus

1971 – Dedication of Rabbi Isaac Leon Bonder Memorial Synagogue – "Ohel Yitzhak"

1973 – Establishment of Tikvah Program for teenagers with learning disabilities

1975 – Rabbi David Soloff becomes director

1979 – Commencement of Decade Campaign to raise $700,000 for capital improvements

1981 – Dedication of Central Campus (kikar) in honor of Esther and Louis Weiner

1987 – First Ramah Israel Seminar for Tikvah program graduates

1990 – First year of coach-in-residence sports clinics

1992 – One-month Halutzim program launched for entering 6th graders, artist-in-residence and artist kallah program begins

1993 – Renew the Vision Capital Fund and Endowment Campaign begins

1995 – First Nivonim 25th reunion held at camp

1996 – New athletic campus constructed; Ramah's 50th season is celebrated

1998 – One month Taste of Tikvah program inaugurated

1999 – Opening of Ramah Day Camp in Wheeling, Illinois

2000 – Dedication of Mercaz Kopin Staff Center in memory of Albert Kopin (z"l)

2001 – Northwoods Kollel introduced for university students

2002 – Expanded and renovated Bet Am ready for 56th season

2002 – Members of Tsrif Daled 1952 reunite at camp together with director Lou Newman

2004 – Tikvah Vocational Program introduced for Tikvah graduates

2004 – Kikar Society established to support innovative programming

2004 – Northwoods Ramah Theater Company established

2006 – Garinim program introduced for entering 5th graders

2007 – Celebration of Ramah's 60th Anniversary and Launch of Milestone Campaign

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...celebrating the past

רמה בשביל העתיד

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מחנה רמה בוויסקונסין

2008 – Dedication of Tikvah Vocational Center; addition of High Ropes Course; First Nivonim 13th reunion held at camp

2009 – Dedication of new Hadar Ochel; Rabbi Loren Sykes becomes Director

2010 – Ramah Wisconsin Legacy Society grows to 100 members

2011 – Introduction of 12-day Kochavim sessions for entering 4th graders

2012 – Jacob Cytryn becomes Director

2013 – Four-day Ruach Ramah session introduced for entering 3rd graders; Derech Eretz Awards introduced

2015 – Hebrew musicals live-streamed from camp; Launch of Givah Campaign

2016 – Dedication of new Moadon Tikvah

2017 – Celebration of Ramah's 70th Anniversary; dedication of new Nivonim campus

2018 – Record enrollment of 60 families for post-season Family Camp

2019 – First Nivonim 50th reunion held at camp

2020 – A summer without camp; season cancelled due to COVID-19; innovative virtual programming in place of camp

2021- Joyful return to Ramah; opening of the new *Mercaz Tarbut* Arts and Outdoor Performance Center

2022 – Introduction of trail biking, tubing and Ninja warrior obstacle course

2023 – New sports courts and playscape open, including the Rabbi Sam Fraint z"l Championship Basketball Court

2024 – Opening of *Beit Roga*, the House of Calm; plus renovated high ropes course and trail biking course

2026 – Our 80th summer + the 250th birthday of the United States! Opening and dedication of the new Lieberman Guest House. Launch of the Ramah@80 Campaign.


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