

Grand Traverse Bay YMCA
Traverse City, Michigan, USA
Our History ... Key Events

- Jan 23, 1962 Kick-off breakfast to organize a YMCA in Grand Traverse Bay area, hosted by Fran O'Heren at her townhouse restaurant.
- Feb 6, 1963 150 people gather at TCHS cafeteria (there was only one high school at the time) to hear first-hand the announcement of the formation of the Grand Traverse Bay YMCA.
- Feb 20, 1964 First annual meeting reports over 400 members and a \$16,000 budget.
- 1970 YMCA takes over pool operations at Easling Pool.
- 1978 YMCA signs a lease for its first facility, a warehouse with built-in office space.
- Sept, 1983 YMCA moves into its present location, the former Logan Racquet Center.
- 1990 Budget tops \$500,000.
- 1995 YMCA Pop Warner Football program added. (Today 86 teams are registered!)
- 1997 Budget exceeds \$1,000,000. With the strong growth of "latch key" childcare, run out of 26 school sites.
- 2000 YMCA initiates swim programs at the Kaliseum. Corporate Advisory Committee formed
- 2001 Y Gymnastics Center opens on Woodmere in Traverse City.
- 2007 YMCA purchases 20.5 acres of the Oleson buffalo farm on Silver Lake Road as the site for the New Y. Campaign for a New Y capital campaign fundraising begins.
- 2008 Budget exceeds \$1.7 million. 65 programs, 11,000 program users, 3,000 members, and 35,000 volunteer hours
- February 2009 New Y Day Care opens to public
- July 2009 Athletic Fields at New Y location on 3700 Silver Lake Road begin construction

Help us fill out our history. Do you remember a key event or program that should be listed here? Contact Dave Eitland, 231.933.YMCA (9622) or email dave@gtbayymca.org

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