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Dean of the College

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Dear Members of the Class of 2013:

Every September Dartmouth Outing Club (DOC), the oldest student-run outing club in the country sponsors the unique DOC Trips Program as a prelude to Orientation. Last year nearly 85% percent of the Class of '12 participated in the DOC Trips. In addition to learning about the natural resources of the area, these four-day excursions provide a unique introduction to Dartmouth and an opportunity to make friends among your classmates.

Although the DOC Trips are entirely run by students, those of us in the Deans Office look forward to collaborating with the program every fall. You will find one or more of the deans greeting you from the steps of Robinson Hall as you depart Hanover for your DOC Trip. We have been working closely with the DOC and, through the summer, will be meeting with the Trips crews and your trip leaders. It is one of my favorite times of the year, and I know that you will enjoy the DOC Trips as much as those who will be making it all happen for you.

Dartmouth Outing Club Trips are open to everyone, from novices to experienced outdoor enthusiasts. The Trips director, Scott Limbird '09, will help you to find a trip appropriate for your level of experience and physical preparation, so you need not worry about getting in over your head. The worst part of the experience for most students is foregoing a shower for four days, and even that has a peculiar bonding effect. Students from nearly every state in the U.S. and many foreign countries participate each year (see rave reviews on the enclosed sheet).

Please consider this wonderful means of beginning your Dartmouth career.

Sincerely,

Thomas Crady
Dean of the College