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Dear Members of the Class of 2015:

Welcome to Dartmouth!

The excitement is building on campus as we work to prepare for your arrival this fall. On behalf of the Campus Life team, I would like to invite you to be part of one of our strongest traditions – DOC Trips. 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 96% percent of the Class of '14 participated in one of 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.

The DOC Trips are entirely run by students and those of us in Campus Life look forward to collaborating with the program every fall. It is one of my favorite times of the year, and I know that you will enjoy your DOC Trips as much as those who will be making it all happen for you. http://www.dartmouth.edu/~doc/firstyeartrips/

Dartmouth Outing Club Trips are open to everyone, from novices to experienced outdoor enthusiasts. The Trips director, Emily Unger, will help you 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,

April Thompson
Associate Dean of the College for Campus Life