Dear Incoming International Student,

**Congratulations and WELCOME!** We are so excited you’ve chosen to join us at Dartmouth and we cannot wait for you to arrive this fall! While coming to college, and moving to a different country, can feel overwhelming, I’d like to invite you to participate in an experience that is designed to help make your transition to Dartmouth as comfortable as possible – the Dartmouth Outing Club (DOC) First-Year Trips Program.

DOC First-Year Trips is a fun, five-day outdoor experience that introduces you to your new classmates and connects you to older students who can serve as a resource on campus. Every year, most of the incoming class, including most international students, participates in Trips as it offers a unique and exciting way to begin your first year. We offer a LOT of different outdoor activities – everything from community service to yoga to photography to kayaking to climbing – so even if you have no outdoor experience, we have a trip for you!

If you are planning to participate in **International Student Orientation**, you are both eligible and encouraged to go on a DOC Trip. Please review the instructions [online](http://bit.ly/194Aez5) before completing your registration:

- International students who want to go on a DOC Trip **must** register for section D or section E in order to be back on campus before the start of International Student Orientation on September 3rd.
- If you are going on a trip, you can arrive to Hanover one day before your trip begins – either August 27th or August 28th. This will give you a day to rest & prepare for the start of your trip.
  - If you are going on a section D trip, you should arrive on **Wednesday August 28th**.
  - If you are going on a section E trip, you should arrive on **Thursday August 29th**.
- Dartmouth International Student Mentors meet arriving international students arriving at Boston-Logan International Airport. Regardless of your travel plans, please complete the online [International Student Arrival Form](http://bit.ly/194Aez5) so student mentors can contact you with more details.
- If you are participating in DOC Trips & International Student Orientation, you may move-in to your residence hall as early as Wednesday August 28th.

If you have ANY questions regarding your arrival to campus or transition to Dartmouth, please contact the International Student Orientation Office. If you have questions about your passport, visa, or related issues, please contact the Office of Visa & Immigration Services.

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We are SO excited to welcome you to campus this fall and sincerely hope you will consider going on a DOC Trip before the start of International Orientation. Over 350+ Dartmouth students volunteer their efforts to making this program a success, so if you have any questions, concerns, or just want to learn more about DOC Trips, please feel free to give us a call or send us an email. You can also check out our [blog](http://dartmouth.edu/~opis) or find us on [Facebook](http://facebook.com) & Twitter (@DOCTrips). We can’t wait to meet you this fall & hope you have a wonderful summer!

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