Dear Incoming Transfer/Exchange Student,

**Congratulations and WELCOME!**  We are so excited you are joining us at Dartmouth and cannot wait for you to arrive this fall! Whether you’re just on-campus for a year or have decided to make Dartmouth your new home, we’re glad you are here!

While you have already experienced the transition to college, we’d like to invite you to participate in a Dartmouth Outing Club (DOC) First-Year Trip. Trips is not just an introduction to Dartmouth, but an opportunity to get to know some other transfer/exchange students, to connect with upperclassmen students, and to explore the beautiful New Hampshire outdoors. Every year, approximately 95% of the incoming class (including most of the incoming transfer/exchange students) participates in DOC Trips. We’ve included some perspectives on our [website](http://www.dartmouth.edu/) from different students about their experience with Trips.

Trips is a program open to everyone – regardless of your prior experience or accessibility needs. We offer a wide range of options – from exploring the Dartmouth Organic Farm to learning yoga to hiking to canoeing on the beautiful New Hampshire rivers – that allow you to experience the outdoors in whatever way you prefer. We are committed to providing accommodations for any physical and/or mental accessibility needs (e.g. chronic illness, allergies, other medical conditions). Please visit our [website](http://www.dartmouth.edu/) for more information about the trips.

Transfer and exchange students are both *encouraged* and *eligible* to participate in DOC Trips. Please carefully review ALL instructions [online](http://www.dartmouth.edu/) before completing your registration.

- If you are a transfer student, please indicate that on your registration form; transfer students will be assigned to trips on **section H**. We typically assign 2-3 transfer students on each trip so you have an opportunity to meet a mix of both first-year students & other transfer students.

- If you are an international student, please refer to the “Letter to International Students” available on our [website](http://www.dartmouth.edu/). It has a lot of important information about your arrival to campus.
  - If you’re participating in International Student Orientation, you must register for a DOC Trip on **section D** or **section E**. This means you can arrive to campus on **August 28th or 29th**.

If you are an international student and have questions about your arrival to campus, please contact the International Student Orientation office. If you are a transfer/exchange student and have any questions about your transition to Dartmouth, please contact the Undergraduate Dean’s Office.

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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. 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://www.dartmouth.edu/) or find us on [Facebook](http://www.facebook.com) & Twitter (@DOCTrips). We can’t wait to meet you this fall & hope you have a wonderful summer!

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