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 moving to a different country and attending a U.S. university can feel overwhelming, we’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 upper-class students who can serve as a resource on campus. Every year, most of the incoming class 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** before completing your registration:

- International students who want to go on a DOC Trip must register for **section E** or **section F** in order to be back on campus before the start of International Student Orientation on September 2nd. Trips on these sections will return to Hanover in time for **all** of International Student Orientation!

- If you are going on a trip, you can arrive in Hanover the day your trip begins – either August 28th or August 29th. If you are unable to arrive in the afternoon of the day your trip starts and you need to arrive a day earlier, contact us and we will work with the housing office to allow you to arrive a day earlier.
  - If you are going on a **section E** trip, you should arrive on **August 28th**.
  - If you are going on a **section F** trip, you should arrive on **August 29th**.

- Dartmouth International Student Mentors meet international students arriving at Boston-Logan International Airport. Regardless of your travel plans, please complete the online **International Student Arrival Form** so international Student Mentors can contact you with more details.

- If you are participating in DOC Trips & International Student Orientation, you may move into your residence hall as early as August 28th.

- You will be notified of your First-Year Trip assignment in early July (both section and type of trip).

If you have ANY questions regarding your arrival to campus or transition to Dartmouth, please contact the International Student Programs Office within the Office of Pluralism and Leadership (ISP-OPAL). If you have questions about your passport, visa, or related issues, please contacts 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 or find us on Facebook and Twitter (@DOCTrips). We can’t wait to meet you this fall and hope you have a wonderful summer!

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