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UPDATES FROM THE DOC

A NEWSLETTER FOR OUR OUTDOOR ADVENTURES
19WINTERIM & 20W



Pictured: CnT's Big Sur break trip admires the Pacific Ocean

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GREETINGS FROM THE DOC!

"Sometimes you go on a DOC trip and meet people that inspire you to be the best person you can be." - Kevin Le '23

It's been a beautiful winter here in Hanover. As the term draws to a close and finals loom before us, we thought we'd share some of the great stuff that the DOC has been up to.

The DOC took students on outdoor adventures near and far during winter break and winter term. We're excited to share some of our favorite memories from these trips with you. If you enjoy the photos, check out more on the [DOC Smugmug](#).

YITOOD (Yours in the Out of Doors),
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KAILUA-KONA, HAWAII

CNT WINTER BREAK TRIP

"We arrived late to the Waimanu after a grueling hike—the 2,000 foot uphill was quite intense, and the following downhill was full of spiderwebs. The light was fading and we couldn't get a clear view of the valley. More troubling was our inability to find the water source in the dark: though we had packed in enough for that day, we would have to hike out if we couldn't get more. We went to sleep not sure if we'd stay the next day in the valley. But our trip leaders woke us up early the next morning, jubilantly exclaiming they had found the spring. I got up out of the tent and looked onto the most perfect valley imaginable, the vibrant green mountains that surrounded forming a perfect v-shape. I was left temporarily speechless there in the early morning light, overwhelmed that I would spend an entire day in this impossibly beautiful place." - Maxwell Teszler '23



Pictured: Waimanu Valley



MT. LEMMON, ARIZONA

DMC WINTER BREAK TRIP

Over Winterim, the DMC organized a few trips to Mount Lemmon in Arizona. Here is what *Luc Cote '23* had to say about the trip.

Favorite Moment?

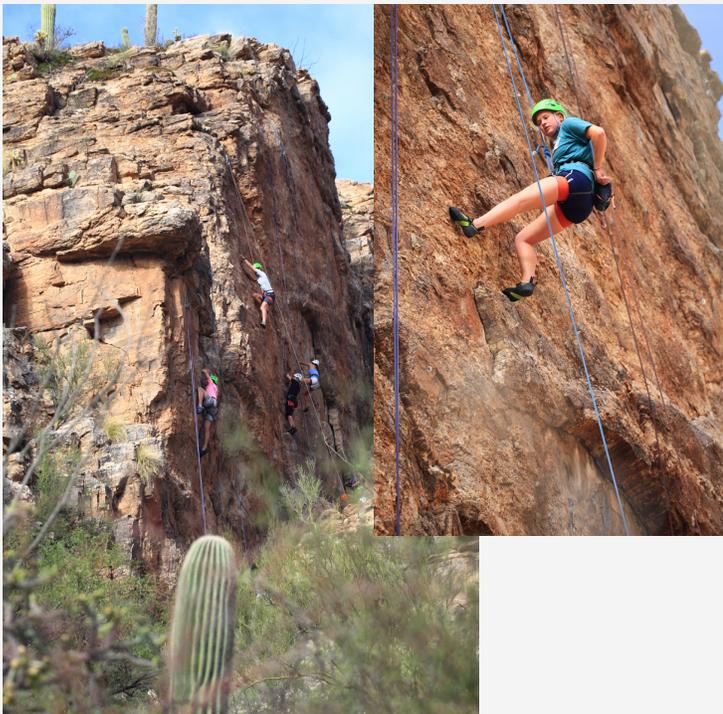
"Sending a 5.8 on lead"

Favorite Meal?

"Mass quantities of fried eggs in the morning"

Favorite Location?

"TMNT Crag!"



PADDLING IN PERU

LEDYARD CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION BREAK TRIP
RIO MARAÑÓN, PERU - RAFTING AND KAYAKING



Sarah Kolk '20 reflects on Ledyard's break trip rafting and whitewater kayaking down the Rio Marañón in Peru. The trip included both current students and alums spending 14 days on the water as part of Ledyard's Centennial Celebration.

Favorite moments?

"Goofing off and getting to know Ledyard alums throughout the entire trip! I also loved that we could spend an intense day on the water crushing through huge wave trains and navigating rapids, and then have such a relaxing evening cooking and reading at camp. Finally, it was cool to come off the river and find out we had the record for highest water descent of the Middle Gorge."

Most memorable location?

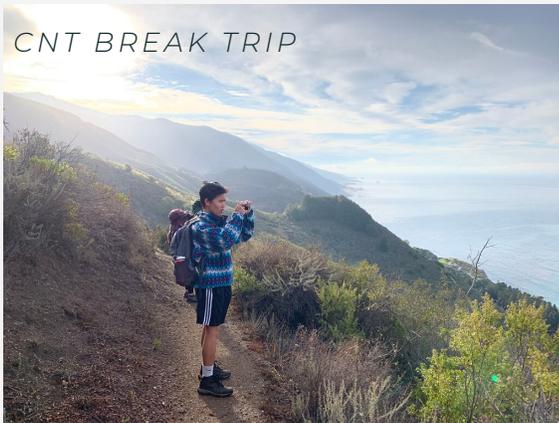
When the riverside turned from dry desert covered in sand and cacti to a lush, green, foggy jungle!

Favorite meal you cooked?

Campfire birthday cakes!



HIKING IN BIG SUR, CA



Kevin Le '23 reflects on CnT's break trip to the coast of northern California -- glorious day hikes on coastal bluffs and redwood forests, camping on a beach and falling asleep to the sound of breaking waves, and driving down Big Sur Route 1 in a rented minivan "like in the movies riding into the sunset in a convertible."

Check out this [Big Sur Trip video](#) Kevin made!

Favorite memory?

"One night, the entire squad decided to go explore the cove by our campsite after an exhausting day of hiking. At the bottom, it was rocky, but when we looked up, the sky was glowing orange and red. My tripees Iris and Jack climbed up these big rocks. They stood there, eyes on the horizon, amazed by the beauty laid before them. They stood there with their backs turned to us, almost like greek heroes setting sail into the open seas. The sky remained the same color for a while and we stood in silence, and admiration, as the waves of the restless ocean pounded the rocks that held our weight."



THE FROZEN FIFTY

CNT LOCAL BREAK TRIP

We hiked the Fifty from Hanover to Moosilauke along the Appalachian Trail in snowshoes and microspikes. We stayed at DOC cabins (Class of '66, Nunnemacher, Armington, Great Bear) and one military tent along the way.

Favorite memory?

On our last day of hiking, we summited Moosilauke as it snowed (the view was pure white all around) and then had a snowball fight on our hike down. We had a fun time at the '78 Bunkhouse at the Moosilauke Ravine Lodge the rest of that day. We curled up with hot chocolate, explored the bunkhouse's nooks and crannies, played board games, and hung out by the wood-stove as the falling snow softly piled up outside.

- Madylin Partridge '21
& Iris Wang '20



CROSS COUNTRY SKIING IN BIG SKY, MONTANA

CLUB NORDIC BREAK TRIP

Will Hileman '22 reflects on Club Nordic's first winter break trip skiing in West Yellowstone, Big Sky, and Yellowstone National Park.

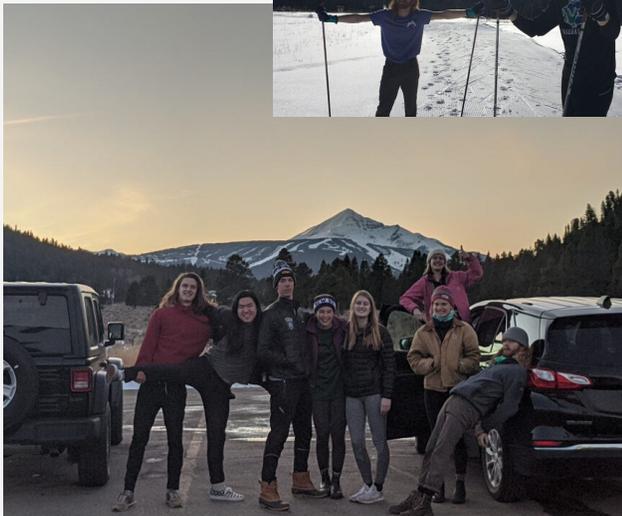
Favorite place you skied?

"Rendezvous trails in West Yellowstone. The trails were interesting and extensive. The coverage was good. The conifer trees were weighted down with snow. My favorite place I've ever Nordic skied."

Favorite moment?

"One day after skiing for a long time we all got in a big circle and tried to do coordinated yoga poses while still wearing skis. We were falling all over each other when the University of Denver varsity skiers went by. I'm sure they were intimidated."

"It was such a great trip! Fun people, fun sport, beautiful setting. One of the best weeks of my life."



WHEATSTARCH!

CNT LOCAL BREAK TRIP

WHEATSTARCH STANDS FOR "WINTER HIKING EXTRAVAGANZA AT THE SAME TIME AS REGULAR CABIN HOPPING"

Favorite Hike?

"Mount Madison! It was clouded in at the summit, but it we were still able to enjoy the incredible wind-blown ice crystals that had formed on all the rocks."

Favorite Moment?

"On our last night after dinner, we all gathered around the wood stove and two of our tripees read a detailed trip report that they had recorded in the cabin's log book. It was an amazing feeling to be recounting our adventures like old friends when at the beginning of the trip I hadn't known many of my tripees well at all. We talked and laughed about everything from our fun hikes to our delicious cooking to our adventures in the nearby Walmart Supercenter. It was the perfect end to a special trip."



- Abigail Johnson '23

WINTER INVITATIONAL: FEB 14-16, 2020

Hello! I'm Ben, a '20 from Rhode Island. Earlier this term I invited 23 collegiate outing clubs to Dartmouth to engage in the first-ever DOC Winter Invitational weekend! 9 schools were able to attend, bringing a total of nearly 100 students to go on trips with over 70 Dartmouth students. (Some of our new friends from Vassar, Brown, and UPenn are pictured below!)

We ran 18 trips, ranging from ice climbing to snowshoeing to Nordic skiing to ice skating, and everything in between. Students from other schools stayed at The Class of '66 Lodge, Armington, and Hinman Cabins and with Dartmouth students on campus! On Saturday night, all of us gathered for a home-cooked dinner in Collis before playing icebreakers and the jelly bean game, discussing our identities in the outdoors, and dancing to live music! On Sunday, after students returned from their half-day trips, we parted with tearful goodbyes and plans to all reconvene soon.



I planned the Winter Invitational (with the help of an amazing support team!) when I realized that my most meaningful experiences in the outdoors were shaped by the community I was surrounded with. During spring break in 2019, I drove down to the Red River Gorge in Kentucky with 18 other DMCers, where we met over 200 other climbers at the famous Miguel's Pizza Campground. Of those 200 climbers, it seemed like nearly half were college students, visiting with their school's mountaineering clubs. I loved hearing their experiences, sharing stories, and making friends over the course of our time there.

A three week long solo bike tour on the West Coast last summer drove home the point that the people I was surrounded with mattered as much, or even more, than the adventure itself. I came back to campus in the fall knowing I wanted to have another experience meeting outdoorsy people from other schools, and the Winter Invitational let me bring that experience to over 160 people.

~ Ben Saccone '20

GILE HIKE! WIW! POCO!



WINTER INVITATIONAL HIKE

"Through the arms of the barren oak and birch trees leading up to the summit of Gile Mountain, bright sunlight danced on the new snow covering the forest floor. The soft crunch of overboots kept time as joyful voices formed the overture to our melody, punctuated by verse written in jokes and laughter. After a quick stop for photos at a cabin covered in brightly-colored scrawl, we hit the fire-tower. Delicately picking our way up the rickety stairs, we burst through the small opening to find that we had climbed into the sky. Looking out across the valley, the mountains shone silver with an icy sparkle that I've never adequately captured in a photograph, but will never be able to erase from memory.

When I turned back around, I noticed the part of that trip that will truly stick with me. In the moment of silence that fell between us, seven sets of eyes turned outwards to the mountains. All of our faces softened as we shared that still peace. To know that just for an instant, we were the only people in the world to experience that snapshot of wonder -- these are the moments that remind me why we go outside."

- Maya Khanna '22



WOMEN IN THE WILDERNESS (WIW) PEOPLE OF COLOR IN THE OUTDOORS (POCO)



BEGINNER ICE CLIMBING

WINTER INVITATIONAL TRIP

"We took out people from McGill, Brown, Columbia, Vassar, Cornell and others to Holt's Ledge for some beginner Ice Climbing! People got to swing some tools and climbed real hard!"

Favorite Moment?

"Bringing out new people from all the other colleges! It's always super exciting to see the look on people's faces when they see the ice!"

- Elliot Ng '21



