

# Guide to the Freshman Outdoor Orientation Trips, Records

RU 1148



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## Collection Overview

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**CALL NUMBER:** RU 1148

**TITLE:** Freshman Outdoor Orientation Trips, records

**DATES:** 1982-2017

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:** 2.63 linear feet (4 boxes)

**LANGUAGE:** English

**SUMMARY:** The records consist of participant rosters, trip evaluations, and administrative files from the Freshman Outdoor Orientation Trips (FOOT).

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b. box  
f. folder

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## Administrative Information

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### Conditions Governing Access

The records are restricted until January 1, 2092.

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### Preferred Citation

Freshman Outdoor Orientation Trips (RU 1148). Manuscripts and Archives, Yale University Library.

## **Related Materials**

Undergraduate Affairs, Yale University, records of the dean (RU 95); accessions 1990-A-157 and 1990-A-016.

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## **Biographical / Historical**

FOOT was started in 1984 by two undergrads, Jamie Williams and Greg Felt. They had both just completed a NOLS course and were excited about the prospect of introducing a similar experience as an orientation for incoming first-years. With a group of like-minded students —the first CORE— they started talking to administrators about the possibility of starting such a program. The administration was skeptical at first, and told them to seek out someone they could hire as a coordinator. This would lead them to Cilla Kellert, a NOLS graduate, former Outward Bound instructor and Yale Forestry School graduate, who has been with the program since it started.

At the beginning, FOOT was very small: just 12 leaders on 6 trips to the Catskills. The model they came up with, however, would come to define the FOOT experience — 4-6 day backpacking trips led by two co-leaders, who help to bring a sense of community and fun to the whole endeavor. When students return to Yale, they are pumped to begin college- having had a tremendous experience in the great outdoors and having formed friendships that will last for the next four years and beyond.

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## **Scope and Contents**

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## **General**

Forms part of Yale Record Group 40 (YRG 40), Records of Yale clubs, societies, and organizations.

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	Annual newsletters	
b. 1, f. 1	1992-2003	1992-2003
b. 1, f. 2	2004-2011	2004-2011
b. 1, f. 3	2012-2017	2012-2017
	Leader manuals	
b. 1, f. 4	1996-2005	1996-2005
b. 1, f. 5	2006-2017	2006-2017
b. 1, f. 6	Brochures	1988-2017
b. 1, f. 7	T-shirt designs	1985-2003
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b. 1, f. 9	Proposal to establish the Freshman Outdoor Orientation Trips (FOOT)	1985
b. 1, f. 10	Early proposals and chronology	1985
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b. 1, f. 27	Harvest trips	2001-2002
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b. 2, f. 24	2008	2008

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b. 2, f. 26	2010	2010
b. 2, f. 27	2011	2011
b. 2, f. 28	2012	2012
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b. 2, f. 36-41	Trip evaluations	Undated
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b. 4	"Yale Orientation" 1 Videocassette (VHS)	Undated

## **Selected Search Terms**

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College students

### **Corporate Body**

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