MIT OUTING CLUB

MITOC Updates

A DECADE IN REVIEW, 2016-2025

>6,000 people on club trips

>2,700 club trips

>34,000 trip spots filled

>10,000 cabin nights

Float around and find out

After a couple of years of post-pandemic dormancy, the paddling program is back in full swing! Spearheaded by Cat and Lorenzo, and aided by many more volunteers and leaders, we've offered over a dozen whitewater kayaking trips this year! Paddleboarding, canoeing, and sea kayaking trips are also making a comeback.



Circus updates!

The club hosted 7 circuses this past year (the most in recent history), introducing over 200 individuals (many of them repeat circus-goers) to hiking in the White Mountains. Circuses give participants not only the opportunity to explore the White Mountains, but also to relax and connect with friends at the Camelot cabin after the hike.

Student financial aid program takes off!

Shortly after the pandemic, the club instituted a need-blind financial aid program intended for MIT undergrads and open to any MIT student. Upon request, the club waives all trip fees, gear rentals, and transportation costs. Additionally, free headlamps, compasses, and whistles are available.

Since its inception, the program has grown significantly, with well over 100 uses last year, allowing students from all backgrounds to explore the outdoors with the club.

Winter School

MITOC's largest program of the year, Winter School, fills over 750 trip spots every year, introducing hundreds of people to winter in the Whites. Whether you're an experienced mountaineer or have never seen snow before, there's something for everyone! The club continues to offer a variety of trips, including winter hiking, backpacking, backcountry skiing, telemark skiing, cross-country skiing, ice skating, and ice climbing, along with lectures from notable outdoor adventurers. 2025-2026 saw 87 trips during Winter School itself plus 34 winter trips throughout the rest of the season, thanks to an exceptionally cold and snowy winter!



Collier Adventure Grant

Following the death of Officer Sean Collier, who was a core member of the MITOC community, the club instituted the Collier Adventure Grant (CAG). Every year, the grant provides funding for club members to pursue a personal trip of their choosing, expanding their horizons and enabling their adventures. From 250-mile fastpacking trips in the Whites, to mountaineering on the West Coast, to biking in Asia, the CAG continues to enable MITOCers to push their limits, later sharing those experiences with the club at trip report socials and blog posts: mitoc-cag.mit.edu.

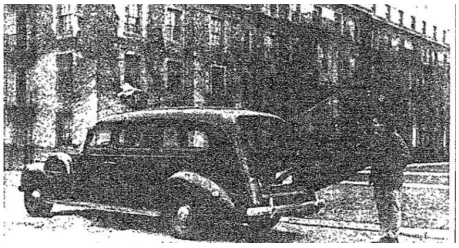
School of Rock

MITOC's second-largest event of the year, School of Rock, continues to be a major hit. Likely MITOC's most in-demand event, this month-long program teaches climbers to become self-sufficient outdoor rock climbers. Many climbers go on to climb outdoors on their own, and even become MITOC leaders, teaching the next generation.



Coming home in a hearse

Have you ever looked at a casket and thought, *I could store so many snowshoes in there*? Well, that's exactly what six MITOC'ers thought back in the '50s. Sure, 10 miles per gallon isn't great, but they're hip, stylish, affordable, and you can fit 17 people with backpacking gear into just two vehicles!



Read more stories like this in our new club archive. Additional documents, including over 700 photos, will continue to be added in the upcoming months: mitoc.mit.edu/about/gnarmpfsk