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Summers are usually full of many different activities. For incoming college freshmen, things can be a little different. N-C-C's Dallas Jackson tells us more.

(TRACK 1)

The summer after graduating high school is filled with adjustments. If you decide to enroll in college and leave home, things can get a little hectic.

Syracuse's Outdoor Education Program has found a way to get students to experience the outdoors and adjust to life away from home.

Associate Director Scott Catucci started the Leadership Outdoors Orientation Program (LOOP) back in 2005.

He learned about and attended an outdoor program symposium and met with people from the Northeast region.

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Catucci says the goals of the LOOP program are to teach students about teamwork and

problem-solving through outdoor activities. After going through their first year, students can return as leaders of the program.

(Track 2)

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NAME:Scott Catucci - Outdoor Education

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<"So we'll have sophomore, junior and senior trip leaders that are greeting those students, and helping them answer questions like ' What was it like your first year?' and whatever. Helping them make a smooth transition to the university.">

(Track 3)

The students go through ropes courses hiking, rafting and more. Approximately 80 students attend the LOOP trips each summer. Dallas Jackson, N-C-C News.