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 Athletics isn’t the only department at UW-River Falls looking forward to the new Falcon Center. Falcon Outdoor Adventures, or F-O-A, will be using the space, too, moving from the Knowles Center.

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Molly Kinney: Falcon Outdoor Adventures was started in 2011, renting camping gear out of a small side office in Knowles. Now, they’re updating to state-of-the-art facilities to take over the state in outdoor recreation. Travis Roy, who manages the program, said F-O-A’s foundation lies in helping students see the great outdoors at many experience levels.

Travis Roy: Falcon Outdoor Adventures is the coolest thing on campus. Our students live in the Saint Croix Valley region. We have so many outdoor experiences to offer. Willow River, we’ve got Afton Alps, we’ve got the Brule, we’ve got the Kinni, we’ve got so many things going on here that students just don’t quite know how to access a lot of the time. That’s what we’re here for.

Molly Kinney: While gearing students up is the main focus on campus, Natasha Horsfall, who works under Roy, said the staff members are invaluable resources for students wanting to learn how to access adventure better.

Natasha Horsfall: You could ask them any question, or you could try something new immediately and they’d help you and you’d feel totally comfortable and they’d inspire you to get out there and do new things every day. I think they’re more of a resource than the actual ones we have.

Molly Kinney: For Falcon News Service, I’m Molly Kinney.

 Falcon Outdoor Adventures will be making the move to the Falcon Center over J-Term, and will open in the new office the first day of spring semester.

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