

CLOSE UP AMERICAN INDIAN FOCUS PROGRAM

Washington, DC



SUNDAY

Arrive in Washington

Meet your Close Up Concierge and explore DC with your school

Welcome Dinner

Group Orientation

Meet students from across the country and get to know your Close Up Instructor

Introduction Workshop*

Discuss the biggest issues that we face in our democracy today

Issues Debate

Ask your most challenging political questions and engage with a liberal and a conservative DC insider

* Workshops are small learning communities comprised of students from various states. Each workshop community is led by the same Close Up Program Instructor for the duration of the trip.

** Study Visits led by highly-trained instructors provide unique opportunities to learn using historic sites and institutions as living classrooms.

Sample schedule subject to change.

MONDAY

Exploring American Political Values Study Visit**

Where do American political values come from and what do they mean today?

Jefferson Memorial—

How do the rights in the Founding Documents apply to our view of liberty?

FDR Memorial—What rights are needed to ensure equality?

MLK Memorial—How do we see MLK's view of justice in the U.S. today?

Lunch and National Museum of American Indian Visit

Native Issues Seminar
Hear from a DC lobbyist or policymaker on Native issues

Pentagon 9/11 Memorial
In what ways did the events of 9/11 change America forever?

Dinner at Hotel

Current Issues Discussion
Debate hot topics with your new friends from across the country

Social Time

TUESDAY

War Memorials Study Visit

What do the **WWII, Vietnam, and Korean Memorials** say about those who have served and sacrificed?

Lincoln Memorial

What does the imagery of the Lincoln Memorial say about Lincoln's legacy?

National Politics Seminar

Gain inside access and discuss current issues with a DC lobbyist, journalist, or policymaker

Lunch at National Place

Capitol Hill Group Photo

U.S. Marine Corps Memorial

Visit the larger-than-life representation of the iconic flag-raising at Iwo Jima

Dinner at Pentagon City

Mock Congress Workshop
Debate, amend, and vote on the same issues elected representatives are currently considering

Social Time

WEDNESDAY

Capitol Hill Day

Meet with your members of Congress or their staff

Attend and observe Congressional Committee Hearings to see how laws and policies are formed

Explore the U.S. Capitol Visitor Center and Museum

Lunch at the Longworth Cafeteria, a hot spot for Congressional staff and DC insiders

Visit the Supreme Court where many landmark cases are decided

Explore the Library of Congress, the largest library in the world, and view the symbolic art and architecture

Witness the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives in action in the Galleries

Dinner at DC's historic Union Station

DC Cultural Event
See a show at a renowned theater or witness an exclusive performance

THURSDAY

Citizen Action Sites

Get inspired by examples of citizens making a difference in their communities and the nation

White House Photo Op and Andrew Jackson Study Visit

Examine the life of Andrew Jackson — discuss his actions and attitudes regarding American Indians, and debate the legitimacy and propriety of his statue and its proximity to the White House

Neighborhood Study Visit and Lunch

Explore DC off the beaten path, e.g. U Street, Chinatown

Arlington Cemetery

Visit our nation's most hallowed ground and witness the Changing of the Guard and examine Native American impact to war efforts

Closing Reflection

How will you stay engaged on issues that matter to you?

Banquet and Dance

Enjoy a fun-filled evening with your new friends as you dance the night away

FRIDAY

Sightsee in Washington

Prior to your departure, spend some more time in the city with your school

Depart for Home

EXTEND YOUR STAY!

Enhance your Close Up experience and spend an extra day in DC! Choose to visit **MOUNT VERNON**, George Washington's home in Virginia, or other iconic sites and exciting neighborhoods in the nation's capital with your school.

Close Up was wonderful! I met so many new friends and the instructors were great at explaining things. Everything we did was engaging, fun, and educational.

— Abby, Student, AK