

CLOSE UP MIDDLE SCHOOL PROGRAM

Washington, DC and Philadelphia



SUNDAY

Arrive in Washington, DC
Meet your Close Up Concierge and explore DC with your school

Welcome Dinner

Group Orientation

Meet students from across the country who you will spend the week with and get to know your Close Up Program Instructors

Understanding the Role of a Citizen Workshop*

What actions can citizens take to participate in democracy?

** 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

Franklin Delano Roosevelt Memorial Study Visit**

Examine the impact individual action can have on the government

Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Study Visit

Look at the effect civil rights movements can have on the country

Lunch and Smithsonian National Museum of American History Exploration

Discover the complexity and richness of our nation's history at this acclaimed museum

Thomas Jefferson Memorial Study Visit

What current issues do you think will have the greatest impact on your generation?

U.S. Marine Corps Memorial

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

Arlington National Cemetery

Visit our nation's most hallowed ground and witness the Changing of the Guard

Dinner at Pentagon City Mall

Characteristics of a Good Law Workshop

Consider the challenges of creating good laws

TUESDAY

Mock Congress Workshop & Simulation

Take on the role of a member of Congress to debate and vote on today's most pressing issues

White House Study Visit

Discuss the role of the executive branch as you walk through the President's neighborhood

Lunch at L'Enfant Plaza

Capitol Hill Study Visit

Walk the halls of Congress to get a first-hand look at how the legislative branch works

Capitol Hill Group Photo

Dinner at Ronald Reagan Building and International Trade Center

Evening Monuments on the National Mall

Visit the WWII, Korean, Vietnam, and Lincoln Memorials as they illuminate the night sky

“Close Up taught me how important it is to be a citizen!”
— Chris, Student, CA

WEDNESDAY

Depart for Philadelphia, PA

National Constitution Center

Take a journey through the Constitution in this interactive history museum

Lunch at National Constitution Center

Independence Park and Philadelphia's Historic District

Find yourself surrounded by American history

Independence Hall: Visit the birthplace of our nation

Liberty Bell: Visit the iconic symbol of American Independence

Congress Hall

President's House: Discuss the irony of slavery during America's early years of independence

Dinner in Philadelphia

Depart for Washington, DC

THURSDAY

Citizenship Send-Off Workshop

Set goals and identify ways in which you can be more active and involved in your community

Smithsonian Museum of Natural History Study Visit and Lunch

Explore the history and potential of the natural world through this collection of 145 million specimens and artifacts

The National Mall

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.