

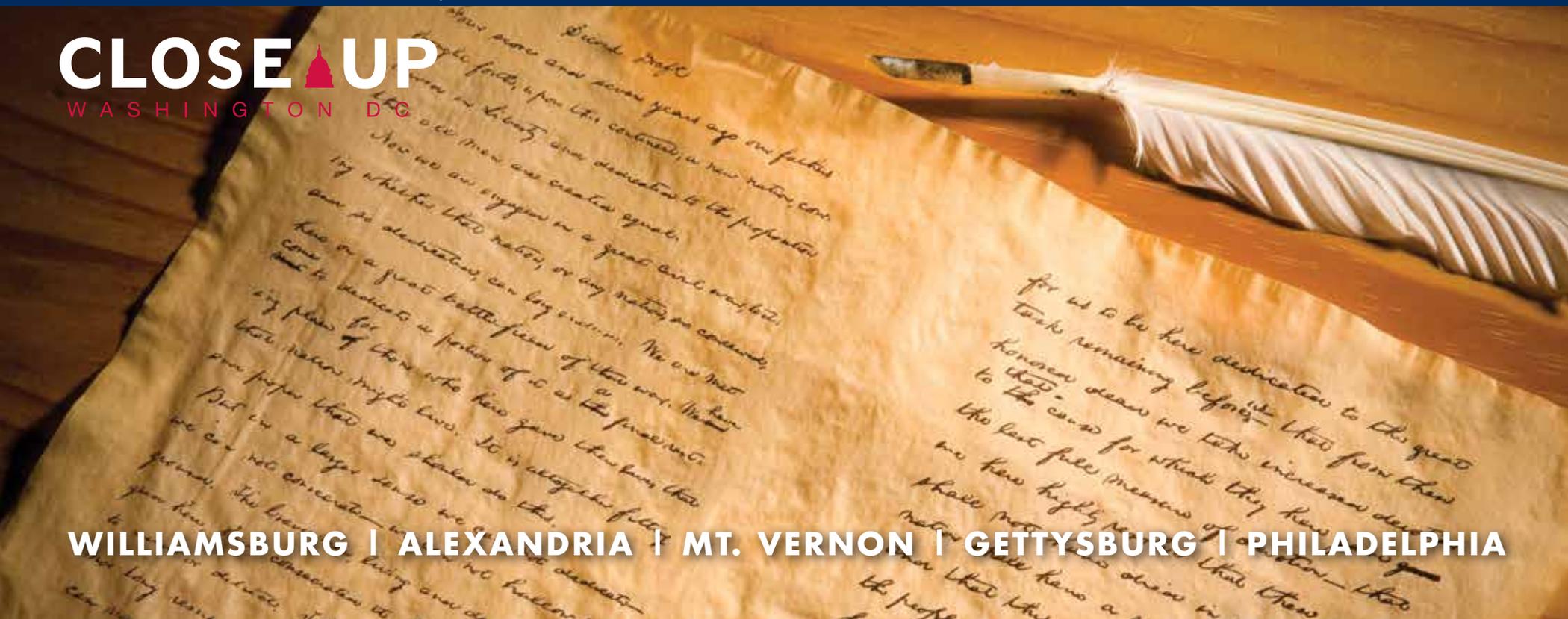


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KATY ISD - FOUNDING OF A NATION PROGRAM | JUNE 4-8, 2018

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THE CLOSE UP EXPERIENCE

The Close Up Founding of a Nation experience puts you in the center of the action in many of our country's great historic sites—Williamsburg, Alexandria, Gettysburg, and Philadelphia. Using these cities as living classrooms, you will discover the history behind the significant events that shaped our country and its people from its founding to today!

Picture yourself traveling through time as you roam the streets of one of America's oldest cities and experience the world's largest living-history museum. Imagine tracing the steps of our nation's first president as you explore his majestic estate. Make memories discovering the legacy of the country's founding documents through a visit to the birthplace of America.

On this exciting program, you will have these once-in-a-lifetime opportunities and get inspired as you explore famous landmarks, world-renowned museums, and hallowed institutions that define our past and present. Even if you have visited these places before, your experience with Close Up will be unlike any other.

Close Up allows you to build lasting connections between your classroom and American history. We ensure you have the safest and most memorable experience possible through our all-inclusive package that includes travel, lodging, 24-hour supervision, and access to medical care. During our fast-paced, interactive programs with Close Up's highly-trained instructors, you'll participate in thrilling and unforgettable activities as you take in all that these cities have to offer!

You will:

- Make **lifelong friendships** as you **learn and exchange ideas** with students from across Katy ISD;
- Explore the homes, gardens, and marketplaces in America's most historic and well-preserved example of **colonial government and culture**;
- Discuss the events that have shaped our world through visits to must-see sites including **Independence Hall and the Liberty Bell**;
- See the **legendary battlefield** that marked the turning point of the Civil War;
- Debate and discuss the life and legacy of the **Father of Our Country** through an inside look at his mansion, and so much more!



“
The trip was a great learning experience for the students and teachers of Katy ISD.
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— Sally, Former Katy ISD Coordinator



MONDAY

● **Arrive in Washington**

○ Hotel Check-In

○ Welcome Dinner

○ Orientation Workshop

● **Founding Documents Activity**

Explore the origins of our democracy

○ Exploration in Old Town Alexandria

○ Social Time

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

* 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.

TUESDAY

● Hot Breakfast Buffet

○ Transfer to Colonial Williamsburg

● **Explore Colonial Williamsburg:
Led By Williamsburg's Own Historical
Interpreters**

○ Walk in the footsteps of Thomas Jefferson, Patrick Henry, and George Wythe

○ Visit the Capitol: The seat of Colonial Virginia's power

○ Sit in the pews of Bruton Parish Church where George Washington worshipped

○ Historic Tavern Lunch

● **The House of Burgesses**

● **Federalism Workshop***

● **Governor's Palace**

Visit the home of seven royal governors and the first two elected governors of Virginia

○ Depart Williamsburg

WEDNESDAY

● Hot Breakfast Buffet

● **Mt. Vernon Study Visit***

○ Tour of George Washington's Mansion

○ Mt. Vernon Group Photo

○ Travel to Gettysburg

● **Gettysburg Cyclorama**

A dramatic sound and light program of the famous 1880's oil painting that is as tall as a four-story building

○ **Lunch and Museum Study Visit**

Explore this interactive exhibit featuring relics from the Battle of Gettysburg

● **Gettysburg Battlefield Study**

Visit with a National Park Ranger

● **Gettysburg Address Site**

Reflect on the importance of one of America's great speeches

○ Dinner in Gettysburg

○ Travel to Philadelphia

THURSDAY

● Hot Breakfast Buffet

● **Founding Documents Activity**

○ "Freedom Rising" and National Constitution Center Study Visit

○ Lunch in Philadelphia's Historic District

● **See the Liberty Bell**

● **Historic District Walking Workshop**

○ Independence Hall: Visit the birthplace of our nation

○ Benjamin Franklin's office: See the beginnings of America's first public postal service

○ Explore Congress Hall

● **Washington Square and Tomb of the Unknowns**

○ Dinner at The Bourse

● **Workshop and Reflection Activity**

Reflect on the week and how you can be more active and involved in your community

FRIDAY

● Hot Breakfast Buffet

● **Visit Benjamin Franklin's Gravesite**

● **Second National Bank Study Visit**

● **Lunch and Franklin Institute Study Visit**

● **Climb The "Rocky Steps" at the Philadelphia Museum of Art**

○ Depart for Home

“ *Close Up was one of the best experiences ever! I loved everything, and I will never forget this trip!* ”

- Michelle, Student, TX

“It was certainly a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for my son and will make a lasting impression in his life. He just kept saying how awesome and surreal it was to be in the exact same place that the founders had actually walked, worked, and lived...It was incredible to hear the excitement in his voice.”

— Robin, Katy ISD Parent



NEXT STEPS

Trip Dates: Monday, June 4 , 2018, through Friday, June 8, 2018

Total Cost: \$1,742 (All-inclusive outside of souvenirs, snacks, and airline baggage fees)

\$400 Deposit Due: Thursday, November 16, 2017 (non-refundable/non-transferable)

\$700 Due on Account: Thursday, February 22, 2018 (non-refundable)

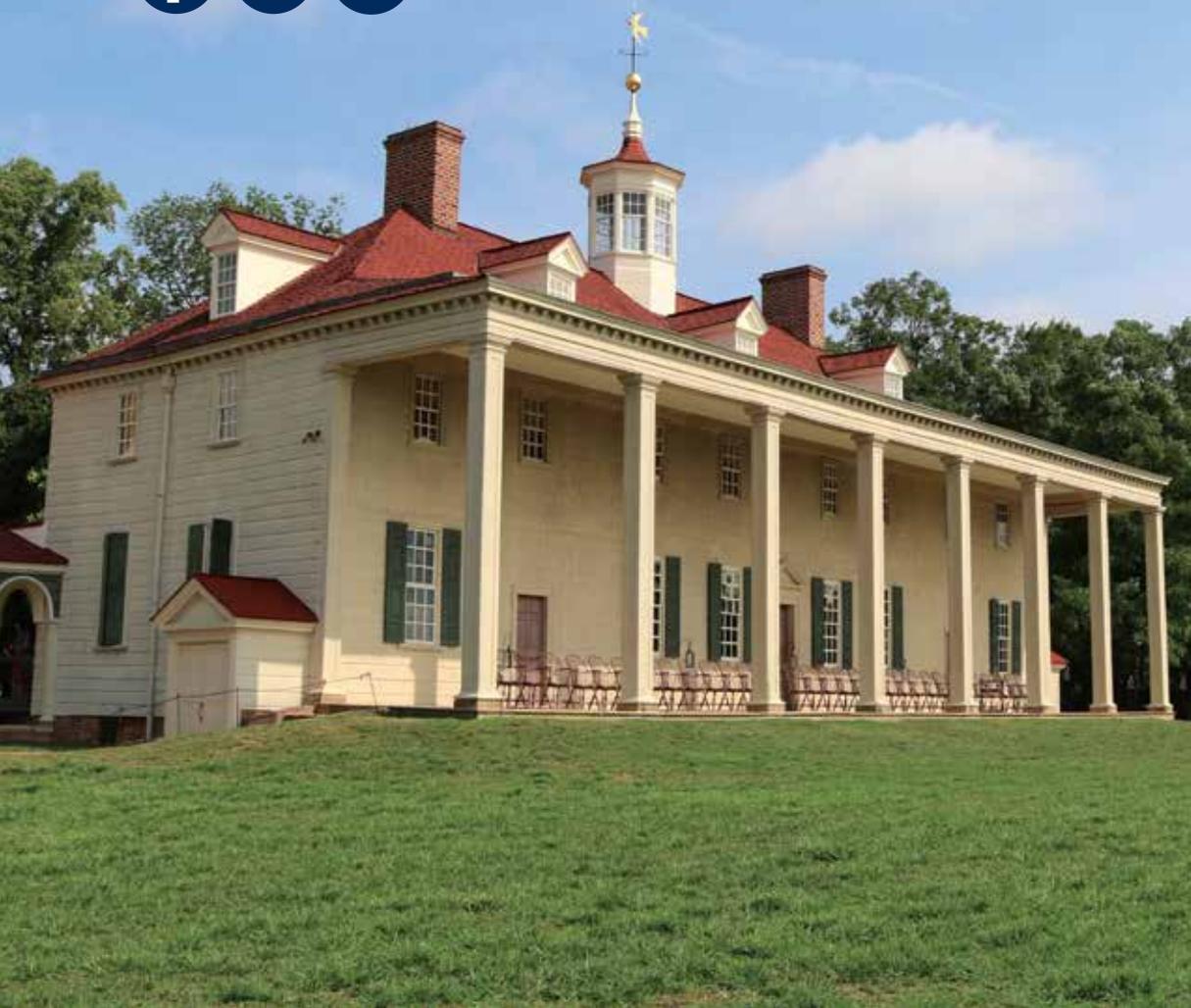
Final Payment Due: Thursday, April 26, 2018 (no refunds after this date)

How to Enroll: To enroll in this amazing program, simply contact your school's Close Up sponsor to get a Close Up participant ID and password for access to your online account. If you don't know who your Close Up sponsor is, call us at 800.256.7387 or email us at info@closeup.org. We hope to see you on Close Up!

“*Close Up is an amazing way to discover new places, learn about the government, and understand how we can change the world.*”

— Joseph, Student, TX

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Close Up's Founding of a Nation Program complements middle school curriculum by bringing students to many of the historic sites that they read about, learn about, and talk about in their classrooms. With **45 years of experience**, Close Up is the nation's leading nonprofit, civic education organization that educates and inspires young people to participate in their government, become leaders in their communities, and gain a more thorough understanding of American history and government. More than **850,000 students and teachers** from around the world have participated in our experiential education programs—and many more have experienced Close Up's balanced, comprehensive approach to **civic education** through our classroom resources and publications. Close Up provides **impactful, hands-on programs** for students, and is **the only district-approved**, curriculum-based program for **Katy ISD schools**.

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