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**2011-12 Middle School Programs**  
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Formed in 1971, Close Up is a non-profit that exists to educate and inspire young people to participate in our democracy. We fulfill our mission with exciting, hands-on programs for students and teachers in Washington, D.C. Using the city as a living classroom, students are given access to the people, processes and places that make our nation's capital so unique. Over 725,000 students and teachers have participated in our experiential programs. Countless more have appeared on our TV show and used our textbook *Current Issues* to debate hot topics in classrooms nationwide.



## WHY CLOSE UP?

Close Up's programs are a perfect mix of travel, learning and fun!

- INSTRUCTION:** Unlike tour organizations, we use trained Program Instructors, not contracted tour guides, to provide students with rewarding and fun experiences. Students learn valuable lessons that complement history and government classes.
- EXPERIENCE:** Since 1971, over 725,000 students and teachers have participated in our one-of-a-kind programs.
- IMPACT:** Our proven curriculum and teaching methods will educate and inspire your students. Our programs are designed to align with each state's social studies standards.
- TRAVEL:** We use major U.S. airlines, Amtrak or privately chartered motorcoaches for your travel.
- HOTELS:** We use national hotel chains, such as Marriott, Sheraton and Holiday Inn. Our hotels are in safe and vibrant neighborhoods close to the Metro.
- MEALS:** Beginning with dinner on your arrival day, we provide students with 3 hearty meals per day.
- LIABILITY:** We have a \$26,000,000 policy to protect you and your school. We provide secondary health insurance and specialized access to Georgetown Medical Center, should medical care be needed.
- SAFETY:** Your safety is our #1 priority – from the time you travel here until you arrive home. We provide full supervision including night monitors at each hotel.
- CUSTOMIZE:** Each year, we customize hundreds of educational experiences for schools and groups across the country. Our curriculum staff will work with you to develop a program that will meet your educational needs.

## OUR PROGRAM & MISSION

For over 40 years, Close Up's instructors have utilized a unique teaching method to appeal to virtually all students.

Our participants come from all 50 states, U.S. territories, Puerto Rico and numerous countries around the world. More than 94% of alumni say that Close Up helped them better understand their roles as citizens.

We work closely with teachers, administrators, parents and students nationwide, as well as with longstanding partners and funders such as the U.S. Congress, the Department of Education, the Department of Interior, the Freedom Forum, C-SPAN, the Center on Congress, and Bank of America, and we are approved by the National Association of Secondary School Principals for 2011-12.

Additionally, we fulfill our mission through classroom teaching tools. The most notable is *Current Issues*, in its 35th edition, which is relied on by teachers to stimulate student debate on key policy issues. For over 35 years, we have also produced hundreds of TV shows on C-SPAN that feature Close Up students dialoguing with U.S. Presidents, lawmakers and the media.

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Percent of Close Up students would recommend this program.



# CLOSE UP MIDDLE SCHOOL PROGRAMS

What can we learn from history to help us become more effective citizens today?

## Washington, D.C.

### SUNDAY

Arrive in Washington, D.C.



Hotel check-in

Welcome dinner

Meet peers from schools nationwide

Orientation



**Create-a-Government workshop**

Meet & greet social activity

### MONDAY

Hot breakfast buffet

**FDR & Jefferson Memorial study visits**



**Lunch & museum study visit at Smithsonian National Museum of Natural History**

Capitol Hill: An inside look at how Congress works

**Explore the Capitol Hill Visitor Center & Museum**

**Visit the Supreme Court & Library of Congress**

National Archives study visit

Dinner at Pentagon City

White House photo-op & Lafayette Park visit

Times of Crisis workshop: Prep for the next day in Washington, D.C.

**D.C.'s Signature Night Monument Tour**

### TUESDAY

Hot breakfast buffet

**War Memorials study visit: Korean, Vietnam & World War II**

**Walk the National Mall**

Lunch at Union Station

**Lincoln Memorial study visit:** Discuss Lincoln's role in the Civil War & Martin Luther King, Jr.'s speech

**Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial**

**Arlington National Cemetery: Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, JFK & Challenger Memorial**



Neighborhood study visit: Explore some of D.C.'s unique neighborhoods

Dinner at Bucca Di Beppo

Mock Congress Workshop

### WEDNESDAY

Hot breakfast buffet



Ordinary Citizens in History workshop & Citizenship Send-Off activity

**Smithsonian Museum Exploration:**

- Visit the American History and Air & Space

- The National Mall

Museum lunch

Depart for home



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*Workshops reinforce this learning and help students make personal connections to the roles that they, as ordinary citizens, play in the U.S. democracy.*

*Sample schedules*

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What can we learn from history to help us become more effective citizens today?

## Washington, D.C. & Williamsburg

### SUNDAY



Arrive in Washington, D.C.

Hotel check-in

Welcome dinner

Meet peers from schools nationwide

Orientation

**Create-a-Government workshop**



Meet & greet social activity

### MONDAY

Hot breakfast buffet

Travel to Jamestown/ Williamsburg



**Explore the Jamestown Settlement**

Time Warp Activity: Prepare for Colonial Williamsburg

Lunch in Jamestown



**Visit Colonial Williamsburg: Experience 18th-century life led by Williamsburg's own historical interpreters**

Return to Washington, D.C. for dinner

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## Washington, D.C. & Philadelphia

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<p>Arrive in Washington, D.C.</p>  <p>Hotel check-in Welcome dinner Meet peers from schools nationwide Orientation</p>  <p><b>Create-a-Government workshop</b> Meet &amp; greet social activity</p> 	<p>Hot breakfast buffet Travel to Philadelphia <b>Visit the National Constitution Center</b> <b>Explore Independence Park</b></p>  <p><b>The Liberty Bell Independence Hall</b> <b>Dinner at the Bourse at Independence Mall</b> Return to Washington, D.C.</p>  <p>Mock Congress Social activity</p>	<p>Hot breakfast buffet <b>FDR &amp; Jefferson Memorial study visits</b> <b>Lunch &amp; museum study visit at Smithsonian National Museum of Natural History</b> Capitol Hill: An inside look at how Congress works <b>Explore the Capitol Hill Visitor Center &amp; Museum</b> <b>Visit the Supreme Court &amp; Library of Congress</b> National Archives study visit</p>  <p>Dinner at Pentagon City White House photo-op &amp; Lafayette Park visit Times of Crisis workshop: Prep for the next day in Washington, D.C. <b>D.C.'s Signature Night Monument Tour</b></p>	<p>Hot breakfast buffet <b>War Memorials study visit: Korean, Vietnam &amp; World War II</b> <b>Walk the National Mall</b> Lunch at Union Station <b>Lincoln Memorial study visit:</b> Discuss Lincoln's role in the Civil War &amp; Martin Luther King's Jr.'s speech <b>Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial</b></p>  <p><b>Arlington National Cemetery: Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, JFK &amp; Challenger Memorial</b> Neighborhood study visit: Explore some of D.C.'s unique neighborhoods Dinner at Bucca Di Beppo Mock Congress Workshop</p>	<p>Hot breakfast buffet Ordinary Citizens in History workshop &amp; Citizenship Send-Off activity <b>Smithsonian Museum Exploration:</b> - Visit the American History and Air &amp; Space - The National Mall Museum lunch</p>  <p>Depart for home</p>

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## WASHINGTON, D.C. & NEW YORK

- 7 days/6 nights
- Close Up's Middle School Program\* plus:
  - 3 days/2 nights exploring the Big Apple and experiencing a Broadway show!
- Visit [www.closeup.org](http://www.closeup.org) for a sample schedule and more details.

*\*Thursday departure to New York for all programs.*



## CUSTOMIZE YOUR PROGRAM

Our curriculum experts are happy to design a program that is tailored to meet the needs of you and your students. Customizing your program gives you great flexibility to vary program dates, length, activities, and themes. Whether it is visits to Civil War Battlefields, a shorter experience in Washington, or a historic trip through the East Coast, our 40 years of experience will ensure that your group has a safe, educational, and fun-filled experience with Close Up. Contact us at [info@closeup.org](mailto:info@closeup.org) for more information.



***"The Close Up Foundation provided an in-depth and unique experience for teachers and students. It is a wonderful experience in democracy."***

**Lori, Teacher, CA**

***"Close Up was the best week of my life so far. Not only did I get to meet new people but I got to bond with my classmates during the program."***

**Jennifer, student, RI**

**9** out of 10  
Teachers agree "Close Up's program complemented what they teach in class back home."



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Percent of teachers agreed that Close Up's program helped their students better understand their roles as citizens in a democracy.

## TEACHERS

Bring your classroom to life!

At Close Up, we provide educational value and complement what you do in your classroom. Your students are not here to simply sightsee, and you are not here to simply chaperone. Our curriculum is aligned with state standards for social studies, history and civics. Our outstanding faculty of Program Instructors conduct fascinating workshops and discussions between students and their peers. We bring students face-to-face with the people and places that have shaped our nation. As a result, young people not only get to witness Washington, D.C. close up, but they return home inspired to play an informed and active role in your community and in turn, make the country a better place to live.

While students explore D.C. with our instructors, you have the option of participating in our professional development program options, led by our Teacher Program Specialists. The Teacher Program draws on the expertise of our many partner institutions, which provide outstanding speakers, demonstrations, and simulations designed to give teachers like you your very own Close Up experience. You will return home with new insights on current issues and with tools to improve and enhance your lesson plans.

## PARENTS

Give your child the opportunity to become an active citizen!

Close Up is a non-profit educational organization, which means we work hard to offer an incredible program at the best possible value. We know that in these economic times, where you put every penny counts. The Close Up program is an investment in your child's future and the future of our nation. Our program's sole purpose is to provide your child with the chance to experience our government in action and encourage them to return home and participate in their community.

Your student is a leader of tomorrow, and by having them participate in a Close Up program, we know that they will make the country a better place for future generations.

Our programs are a great value and our all-inclusive cost\* includes:

- 3 meals per day
- Coach bus transportation around the city
- Quality hotel accommodations, a quick bus ride from downtown
- Educational materials
- Top-notch instruction from trained educators
- All entrances fees and gratuities covered
- All program logistics and planning
- Secondary health and liability insurance coverage
- 24-hour supervision including night monitors at each hotel
- A dedicated Close Up Representative for your school
- Group photo, certificate and Close Up souvenir
- Specialized access to Georgetown Medical Center

All Close Up activities are designed with your student's safety in mind. With over 40 years of experience, we ensure that Close Up students have the safest, most enjoyable and most memorable experience possible in Washington, D.C.

*\*You may elect to purchase your own travel arrangements separately from Close Up's travel package.*

ENDORSED BY



## OUR PARTNERS

- The U.S. Congress
- U.S. Dept. of Education
- U.S. Dept. of Interior
- University of Virginia
- Freedom Forum
- C-SPAN
- Center on Congress
- Smithsonian Institute
- Georgetown University
- Medical Center
- National Archives
- American Red Cross
- U.S. Federal Courts
- Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund
- U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum
- Mt. Vernon
- U.S. State Department
- Library of Congress
- Smithsonian National Museum of American History
- Smithsonian National Museum of the American Indian
- President Lincoln's Cottage
- International Center for Nonviolent Conflict
- White House Historical Association
- Newseum
- First Amendment Center
- National Museum of Crime & Punishment
- Embassies of Washington
- U.S. Park Service
- Harper's Ferry Historic Park
- Gettysburg National Battlefield
- Teach American History Grant Programs
- Center for the Constitution- We the People
- National Indian Education Association
- United South and Eastern Tribes
- National Congress of the American Indian

## STUDENTS

### Have fun exploring Washington, D.C.!

Your time here will be jam-packed with exciting activities – visiting the city’s famous sites like the U.S. Capitol, Smithsonian Museums, Lincoln Memorial, National Archives, World War II Memorial, Vietnam Veteran’s War Memorial, Library of Congress, Supreme Court, and Arlington Cemetery – and the best part is you’ll be doing this with students from across the nation. You’ll have a Close Up instructor leading you to each historical site, helping connect what you see in Washington to what you’ve learned at school. At the end of the program, you and your new friends will do a fun project to showcase what you have learned. When your week is over, you will have had a blast exploring everything that Washington, D.C. has to offer! You’ll return home with memories to last a lifetime and new friends from around the country or maybe around the world.

### You will. . .

- See D.C.’s famous monuments and memorials close up;
- Discuss current issues that face your community and country;
- Hear student views from your peers who live in different states;
- Make new friends from around the nation;
- Witness democracy in action in the halls of Congress;
- Visit the world-renowned Smithsonian Museums;
- Capture awe-inspiring views of D.C.’s famous landmarks at night;
- Discover D.C.’s vibrant neighborhoods and so much more!

### Add to your D.C. experience:

Your school can add trips to Williamsburg/Jamestown, Philadelphia and/or New York City. Each one of our city visits are designed to extend your journey of connecting history back to what you are learning in the classroom.



Want more? Scan this code to see our latest video and testimonials.

## NEXT STEPS

- TEACHERS:** Contact your Close Up Representative at 800-CLOSE UP or email us at [info@closeup.org](mailto:info@closeup.org) for more information on these exciting options and how to enroll your school!
- PARENTS:** To enroll your child in a Close Up program, simply contact your school’s Close Up teacher. If your school does not have a Close Up teacher, just contact us or refer a teacher today!
- STUDENTS:** Talk to your Close Up teacher today to get your Close Up Participant ID and Password to enroll in this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity! Whether you attend Close Up with your school or on your own, you will make lots of new friends as you live, learn and interact with other students from across the United States and the world.

Please feel free to call us at **800-256-7387**, email us at [info@closeup.org](mailto:info@closeup.org) or visit us online at [www.closeup.org](http://www.closeup.org) for more information.

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Percent of students say that Close Up helped them better understand what they read in their textbooks back home.



**What Happens Here Can Change Your World**

**www.CloseUp.org**



**725,000** Close Up Alumni from all 50 states, U.S. territories, D.C., Puerto Rico, + 25 countries.



*"My biggest highlight has been seeing my students blossom."*

- Clent, Teacher, CA



*"The best part of the program is being able to see what I teach them come alive."*

-Christine, Teacher, FL



*"Every kid should get the chance to participate in Close Up, and I wish they could."*

- Adam, student, MT

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