

CLOSE UP HIGH SCHOOL - PROGRAM FOR NEW AMERICANS

SUNDAY



Arrive in Washington
Meet your Close Up concierge and explore DC with your group

Welcome Dinner

Group Orientation

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

Introduction Workshop*

What are the **biggest issues that we face** in our democracy today?

Meet & Greet Social Activity

**Workshops are small learning communities made up 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



Federal Government Structure Workshop
Gain an understanding of U.S. government

Thomas Jefferson & George Mason Memorials
Learn about people behind the Declaration of Independence and Bill of Rights

Smithsonian National Museum of American History and Lunch
Discover history and culture at this world-renowned museum

National Archives Study Visit**
Explore American history through our nation's most significant documents:

Declaration of Independence

U.S. Constitution

Bill of Rights

Citizen Action Workshop
What citizen actions are necessary to foster and maintain a vibrant democracy?

9/11 Memorial Study Visit
Reflect on the significance of this world-changing event

Dinner & Social Activity

TUESDAY



Bill of Rights Workshop
What rights have citizens gained in our nearly 250-year history?

Immigration Policy Seminar
Go behind the scenes with a policy expert to discuss the issues driving the immigration debate

Capitol Hill Group Photo

Lunch in Chinatown

Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial
How did MLK influence the value of justice during the Civil Rights Movement?

Franklin Delano Roosevelt Memorial
Should government take an active role in providing for people's basic needs?

Dinner in Pentagon City

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

WEDNESDAY



Executive Branch Seminar
Learn what it's like to shape policy in the largest branch of U.S. government

Capitol Hill Day

Meet with your members of Congress or their staff

Observe congressional committee hearings to see how laws are formed

Explore the U.S. Capitol Visitor Center and Museum

Lunch at Longworth Cafeteria

Visit the Supreme Court, where landmark cases are decided

Explore the Library of Congress and view the symbolic art and architecture

Witness the House of Representatives and Senate in action in the Galleries

White House Study Visit and Photo Op

Dinner at Hotel

Election Workshop
Discuss the role of the executive branch and elect a president for your program

THURSDAY



Community Action Workshop
What actions can citizens take to make change?

Election Reflection Activity
Discuss the results of the mock election and reflect on the motivations of real-world voters

College Admission Session
Get answers to questions about the opportunities of higher education

Lunch in L'Enfant Plaza

War Memorials Study Visit
What do the WWII, Vietnam, and Korean War Memorials say about those who served and sacrificed?

Lincoln Memorial
How does imagery portray Lincoln's legacy?

U.S. Marine Corps Memorial
Visit the larger-than-life representation honoring our brave servicemen

Air Force Memorial
Honor those who have served and get a breathtaking view of the city

Banquet and Dance
Enjoy a fun-filled evening with new friends

FRIDAY



Sightsee in Washington
Prior to your departure, spend some more time in the city with your group

Depart for Home

“Close Up was such an amazing opportunity to really watch and learn how the U.S. government works!”

- PATRICIA, STUDENT, GA

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