

# CLOSE UP MIDDLE SCHOOL PROGRAM

## Washington, DC and New York



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 Instructor

### Essentials of Democracy Workshop\*

How does the government impact your life?

Monday

### Franklin Delano Roosevelt Memorial Study Visit

Should government take an active role in providing for people's basic needs?

### Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Study Visit

What actions can citizens take when they disagree with the government?

### Lunch at Ronald Reagan Building and International Trade Center

### Thomas Jefferson Memorial Study Visit

What rights are guaranteed and how has our understanding of those rights changed over time?

### Arlington National Cemetery

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

### U.S. Marine Corps Memorial

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

### 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

### Smithsonian Museum of American History Study Visit and Lunch

Discover the complexity and richness of our nation's history at this world-renowned museum

### Capitol Hill Study Visit

An inside look at how Congress works

### Capitol Hill Group Photo

### Dinner at DC's Historic Union Station

### WWII, Korean War, Vietnam War, and Lincoln Memorial Study Visits

How did citizens make a difference during major conflicts in American history?

Wednesday

### Citizenship Send-Off Workshop

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

### White House Photo-Op

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

### Smithsonian Air & Space Museum Study Visit and Lunch

Launch into another stratosphere as you explore the history and science of aviation and spaceflight at this Smithsonian favorite

### The National Mall

### Dinner

Thursday

### Depart for New York City

### Lunch at a NYC Deli

### American Natural History Museum Exploration

See several exhibits and contemplate how they tell the overall story of the museum

### Central Park Study Visit

Visit landmarks such as Strawberry Fields, Imagine Circle, and Belvedere Castle

### Dinner in Times Square

Enjoy dinner under the bright lights in this iconic New York destination

### Times Square Study Visit

Visit Broadway - 'The Great White Way' - in New York City's famous theater district

### Performance at a Broadway Theater

See a show and experience first-hand why New York City is considered the cultural capital of the nation

Friday

### Ferry Ride from Battery Park to Liberty Island

### Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island

See the place where millions are immigrants entered the country and explore the history of US immigration policy

### Lunch

### Financial District and 9/11 Memorial Study Visits

Explore the Financial District and 9/11 Memorial

### Brooklyn Bridge Walk

Take in the breathtaking views of the city from this iconic bridge

### Dinner in Little Italy

### Rockefeller Plaza

See 360 degrees of New York City from Top of the Rock

Saturday

### Sightsee in the Big Apple

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

### Depart for Home

\* 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.