

NCAI AMERICAN INDIAN YOUTH LEGISLATIVE SUMMIT

Washington, DC



Sunday

Arrive in Washington

Meet your Close Up Concierge and explore DC with your school

Welcome Dinner

Opening Remarks from the National Congress of American Indians

Group Orientation

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

Introduction Workshop*

The rights and responsibilities of dual citizens, an introduction to NCAI

Social Time

Monday

Federal Indian Policy History Workshop

Thomas Jefferson Memorial Study Visit

Analyze the effect of Jefferson's policies and attitudes towards American Indians

White House Study Visit

Examine the life of Andrew Jackson - discuss his actions and attitudes regarding American Indians

Capitol Reflecting Pool Group Photo

Smithsonian National Museum of the American Indian Lunch & Study Visit

Franklin D. Roosevelt Memorial Study Visit

Reorganization and the New Deal

Lincoln Memorial Study Visit

What does the imagery of the Lincoln Memorial say about Lincoln's legacy?

Pizza Dinner

Federal Government Structure Workshop

Discover the three branches of government and the role each branch plays in forming American Indian policy

Tribal Government Group Activity

Work with peers from your tribe to create presentations about your tribe's government, economy, and culture

Tuesday

Indian Issues Today Panel Seminar*

Experts in Indian law and policy will share their insights with students as they prepare to develop ideas for their Tribal Action Initiatives and to identify questions for the meetings

Lunch at Pentagon City Mall

U.S. Marine Corps Memorial Study Visit

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

Dinner at Hotel

Tribal Action Initiatives Activity

Work with peers from your tribe to create solutions to issues that affect your community

Mock Congress Workshop

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

Social Time

Wednesday

Capitol Hill Day

Meet with your Members of Congress or Their Staff

Attend and Observe Congressional Committee Hearings

Explore the U.S. Capitol Visitor Center & Museum

Lunch at the House Cafeteria

Visit the Supreme Court and Library

Tribal Action Initiative Presentations

Present the Tribal Action Initiatives to tribal leaders

Lunch on the Hill

Capitol Hill Advocacy Meetings

Dinner at DC's historic Union Station

DC Cultural Event

See a performance at a renowned DC theater or cheer on the Washington Nationals baseball team!

Thursday

College and Career Panel

Meet with representatives from various colleges and internship programs

MLK Memorial

Examine the various methods of direct action used by the Civil Rights and American Indian movements

Executive Branch in Indian Affairs Seminar

Lunch on the National Mall

War Memorials Study Visit

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

Closing Reflection

How will you stay engaged on issues that matter to you?

Banquet and Dance

Enjoy a fun-filled evening with your new friends as you dance the night away

Friday

Depart for Home

Extend your stay!

Enhance your Close Up experience and spend an extra day in DC! Choose to visit the **NEWSEUM**, DC's interactive museum of journalism and current events, or **MT. VERNON**, George Washington's home in Virginia!

“Close Up was one of the best experiences ever! I will never forget this trip!”

- Michelle, Student, CA

* 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.