







CLOSE UP

WASHINGTON, DC NEW AMERICANS MIDDLE SCHOOL PROGRAMS



<u>WASHINGTON</u>







Close Up offers the most comprehensive **educational opportunity** in Washington, DC. Established in 1971, Close Up is the nation's leading nonprofit, civic education organization. With **45 years of experience** partnering with schools across the country, we provide **impactful**, **hands-on programs** for students that educate and inspire 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 in Washington, DC—and many more have experienced Close Up's balanced, comprehensive approach to **civic education** through our classroom resources and publications.





Close Up was one of
the most wonderful
and eye-opening
experiences of my
life! From meeting
new people to seeing
the memorials, I loved
every second of it!

-Sarah, Student, CA







SUNDAY

Arrive in Washington

Meet your Close Up Concierge and explore DC with your school

Welcome Dinner

Group Orientation

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

Essentials of Democracy Workshop*

How does the government impact your life?

Meet & Greet Social Activity

- * 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.

MONDAY

Hot Breakfast Buffet

Founding Documents Workshop

Take a look at how the three founding documents impact America today

National Archives Study Visit*

Explore American history through our nation's Charters of Freedom—Declaration of Independence, U.S. Constitution, and Bill of Rights

- Smithsonian American History Museum Study Visit and Lunch
- Thomas Jefferson & George Mason Memorials

 Learn about the people behind the Declaration of
 Independence and the Bill of Rights
- Franklin Delano Roosevelt Memorial Study Visit

 Discuss the New Deal and government responsibility

Dinner at DC's Historic Union Station

- United States Air Force Memorial and Iwo Jima Memorial Enjoy a night of breathtaking views of the city
- Characteristics of a Good Law Workshop

 Prepare for the Hill and learn how laws are made

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Hot Breakfast Buffet

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White House Study Vis Walk through the Pres

Lunch at National Pla

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WEDNESDAY

Hot Breakfast Buffet

Arlington National Cemetery

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

Smithsonian Air and Space Museum Study Visit and Lunch

Explore the world's largest and most significant collection of aviation and space artifacts

On-Site Study Visit

Hear from a local organization to learn about community service, e.g. Latin American Youth Center

Lincoln Memorial Study Visit

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

Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Study Visit

How can an ordinary citizen accomplish extraordinary things?

Dinner at Pentagon City

Theatre

Enjoy a fun-filled evening at the George Washington Masonic Memorial—An American Musical Landscape

THURSDAY

Hot Breakfast Buffet

Closing Reflection

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

Smithsonian Natural History Museum and Lunch

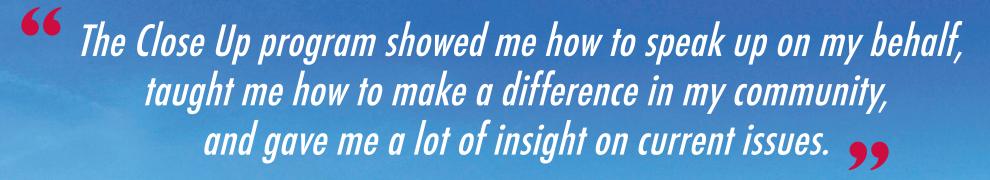
Explore millions of natural science specimens and cultural artifacts, including the Hope Diamond

The National Mall

Depart for Home

Close Up is an amazing program that impacts the way you look at yourself, your community, and the world!

- Juan, Student, NY



Billie, Student, AZ





THE CLOSE UP EXPERIENCE

The Close Up experience is your once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to discover your unique role within American democracy. Using Washington, DC, as a living classroom, you will learn about our nation's exciting heritage. Our dedicated instructors will help you learn about the people and places that shaped our country's history through visits to DC's monuments, memorials, and world-renowned museums.

Close Up's New Americans Middle School Program is designed to help you understand that your voice matters by creating a sense of community with other students just like you! Through discussions about the current issues you are most passionate about, you will return home empowered and ready to make a difference in your own community.

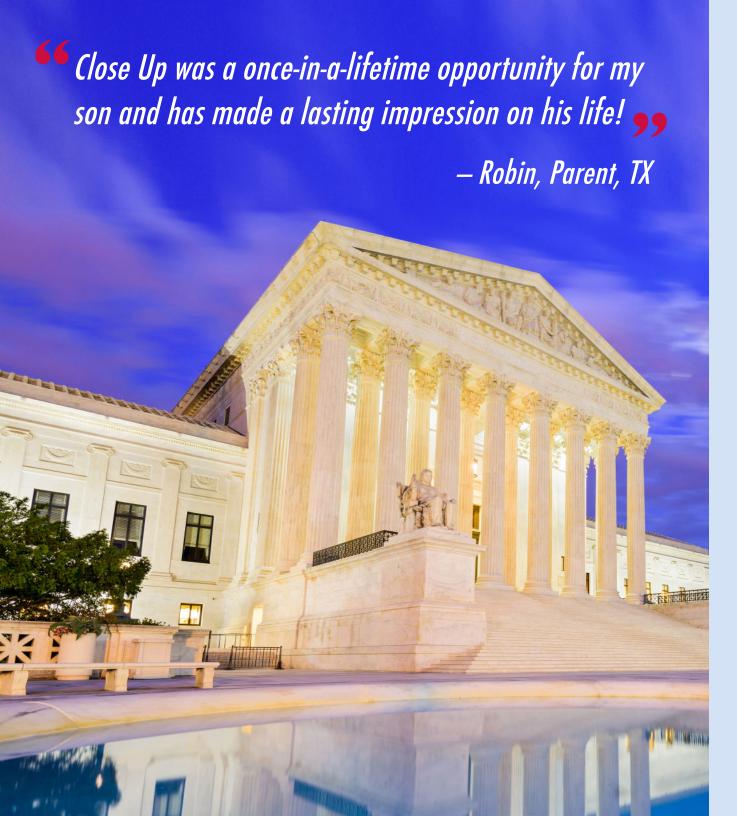
We ensure you have the safest and most memorable experience possible through our all-inclusive package that includes travel, lodging, 24-hour supervision, and access to medical care. During our fast-paced, interactive programs with Close Up's highly-trained instructors, you'll participate in thrilling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

You will:

- Make lifelong friendships as you share ideas with students from around the country;
- Enjoy a musical theater experience during a fun night on the town;
- Discuss the history of our nation through visits to DC's must-see sites, including Arlington Cemetery to witness the Changing of the Guard; and
- Take part in an exciting, **hands-on Mock Congress** and learn more about what your elected representatives are debating right now!











GET STARTED TODAY!

Talk to your Close Up teacher and get your Participant ID and Password to enroll in this amazing opportunity!

We're always here to help!

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