

# CLOSE UP MIDDLE SCHOOL PROGRAM

## Washington, DC and Philadelphia



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?

\* 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.

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

### Depart for Philadelphia, PA

### Visit the National Constitution Center

Take a journey through the Constitution in this interactive history museum

### Lunch at National Constitution Center

### Explore Independence Park and Philadelphia's Historic District

**Independence Hall:** Visit the birthplace of our nation

**Liberty Bell:** Visit the iconic symbol of American Independence

**Congress Hall**

**Washington Square and Tomb of the Unknowns**

**Dinner in Philadelphia**

**Depart for Washington, DC**

Thursday

### 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

**Depart for Home**

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

– Michelle, Student, CA