

CLOSE UP MIDDLE SCHOOL PROGRAM

Washington, DC and Philadelphia



Sundays

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