

CLOSE UP MIDDLE SCHOOL PROGRAM

Founding of a Nation



Monday

Arrive in Washington, DC

Meet your Close Up Concierge and explore DC with your school

Group Orientation

Meet students from across the country who you will spend the week with and get to know your Close Up Program Instructor

Introductory Workshop*

What are the biggest issues that we face in our democracy today?

Dinner & Exploration in Old Town Alexandria

Walk the cobblestone streets of this historic port city

Founding Documents Activity

Explore the origins of our democracy

Founding Documents Workshop

Announcements

* 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.

Tuesday

Depart for Colonial Williamsburg

Program Instructor-Led Williamsburg Study Visit

Governor's Palace

Explore the site that became the home to Thomas Jefferson, Patrick Henry, and seven royal governors

Tavern Lunch

Dine in one of Williamsburg's rustic taverns located in the heart of the Revolutionary City

Historical Interpreter-led Williamsburg Study Visit

Walk in the footsteps of Thomas Jefferson and Patrick Henry, and George Wythe

Visit the Capitol: the seat of Colonial Virginia's power

Sit in the pews of Bruton Parish Church, where George Washington worshipped

Dinner in Williamsburg

Depart for Washington, DC

Federalism Workshop

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Wednesday

Depart for Philadelphia

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

Congress Hall

Washington Square and Tomb of the Unknowns

President's House: Visit the grounds of the first executive mansion

Depart for Lancaster, PA

Dinner in Amish Country

Enjoy an evening in the Amish countryside

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Thursday

Depart for Gettysburg, PA

Gettysburg Cyclorama

Experience the battle of Gettysburg through a dramatic sound and light program that is as tall as a four-story building

Gettysburg Museum of the Civil War Study Visit and Lunch

Explore this interactive exhibit featuring relics from the Battle of Gettysburg

Lincoln's Gettysburg Address Site

Reflect on the importance of one of America's great speeches

Historic Battlefield Tour

Walk your way through the battle of Gettysburg and learn more about the turning point in the Civil War with a Gettysburg park ranger

Transfer to Washington, DC

Dinner at Pentagon City Mall

Workshop and Reflection Activity

Reflect on the week and how you can be more active and involved in your community

Citizenship Send-Off Workshop

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

Friday

Mt. Vernon Study Visit

Tour of George Washington's Mansion
Explore the home, gardens & farms of his riverside estate

Visit the Museum and Education Center

View an array of artifacts and learn more about the first president of the United States

Group Photo and Lunch

Depart for Home

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

– Michelle, Student, CA