

# CLOSE UP MIDDLE SCHOOL PROGRAM

## Program for New Americans



Sundays

### Arrive in Washington

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 Instructors

### Introduction Workshop\*

Share how the government impacts your day-to-day life and discover ways you can influence government decisions

\* 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

### Founding Documents Activity

Discuss the Founders and how our democracy was created

### Founding Documents Workshop

Take a look at how the Declaration of Independence, U.S. Constitution, and Bill of Rights impact America today

### National Archives Study Visit

Explore American history through our nation's Charters of Freedom

### Smithsonian Air & Space Museum and Lunch

Launch into another stratosphere as you explore the history and science of aviation and spaceflight at this Smithsonian favorite

### Thomas Jefferson Memorial Study Visit

What about our government would Jefferson agree or disagree with today?

### Franklin Delano Roosevelt Memorial Study Visit

Should government take an active role in providing for people's basic needs?

### Dinner at DC's Historic Union Station

### Characteristics of a Good Law Workshop

Prepare for Tuesday on the Hill and learn how laws are made

### Large Group Reflection and Journaling

Tuesday

### Explore the U.S. Capitol Visitor Center and Museum

Discover the story of U.S. Congress as you explore inspiring and interactive exhibits!

### Group Photo

### Lunch at National Place

### War Memorials Study Visit

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

### Lincoln Memorial Study Visit

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

### Smithsonian Institution Exploration

Visit one of the world-renowned museums to discover and learn about history and culture

### Pizza Dinner

### Legislative Process Workshop

### Mock Congress Workshop

Take on the role of a member of Congress to debate and vote on today's most pressing issues

Wednesday

### U.S. Marine Corps Memorial

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

### Arlington National Cemetery

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

### Lunch at Reagan Building and International Trade Center

### On-Site Study Visit

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

### WWII Memorial Study Visit

Learn how everyday citizens supported the war effort

### Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Study Visit

How can an ordinary citizen accomplish extraordinary things?

### White House Photo-Op

Discuss the role of the executive branch as you walk through the President's neighborhood

### Dinner at DC's Pentagon City Mall

### DC Cultural Event

See a performance at a renowned theater i.e., "An American Musical Landscape"

Thursday

### Reflection Workshop

Identify ways in which you can be more active and involved in your community

### Smithsonian Natural History Museum and Lunch

Feed your curiosity and explore the hands-on exhibits that capture the beauty and diversity of the natural world

### 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