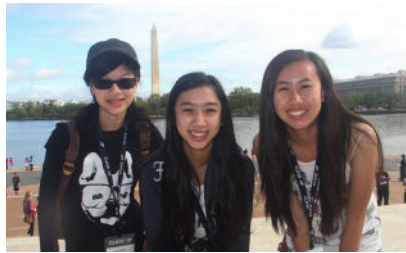


CLOSE UP MIDDLE SCHOOL PROGRAM

Program for New Americans



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 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