

# CLOSE UP MIDDLE SCHOOL PROGRAM

## Washington, DC



### 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 Instructors

#### Essentials of Democracy Workshop\*

How does the government impact your life?

#### Meet and Greet Social Activity

### 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?

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

— Michelle, Student, CA

### Wednesday

#### 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

### 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!

\* 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.