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USEET WASHINGTON PROGRAM



WHY VISIT DC?

- All **THREE BRANCHES OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT** are based in DC, the center of American politics.
- **ARLINGTON CEMETERY** is the largest burial ground in the U.S. and is home to President Kennedy's gravesite and the Tomb of the Unknowns.
- Five universities in DC – **AMERICAN, GEORGE WASHINGTON, GEORGETOWN, HOWARD, and GALLAUDET** – ranked in the top 100 best colleges by *US News and World Report*.
- DC hosts over **170 EMBASSIES** and international culture centers.
- The **SMITHSONIAN'S NATIONAL AIR & SPACE MUSEUM** in DC is the most popular museum in the world!
- The city is home to the **U.S. CONSTITUTION, the BILL OF RIGHTS, and the STAR-SPANGLED BANNER.**
- The world's largest library – **LIBRARY OF CONGRESS** – can be found in Washington.

CLOSE UP WASHINGTON PROGRAMS ENDORSED BY



*“Close Up is a **PHENOMENAL PROGRAM** that offers the **EXPERIENCE OF A LIFETIME** for all types of students!”*

- Educator, LA

WHY CLOSE UP DC?

Close Up's programs are a perfect mix of travel, learning, and fun!

- ACCESS:** We partner with USET to provide a unique leadership opportunity for students. Our program focuses on giving students the skills and attitudes to advocate for issues important to them and their tribes.
- INSTRUCTION:** We use trained Program Instructors, not contracted tour guides, to provide fun and rewarding experiences. Students learn valuable lessons that complement history and government classes while creating lasting memories.
- EXPERIENCE:** Since 1971, over 825,000 students and teachers have participated in our programs. Close Up has partnered with Native American tribes for over 30 years.
- IMPACT:** Our proven curriculum and teaching methods will educate and inspire your students. Our programs are aligned with each state's social studies standards and Common Core.
- TRAVEL:** We use major U.S. airlines, Amtrak, or privately chartered motorcoaches for your travel.
- HOTELS:** We use national hotel chains such as Marriott, Sheraton, Hilton, and Holiday Inn. Our hotels are in safe and vibrant neighborhoods close to the Metro.
- MEALS:** Beginning with dinner on your arrival day, we provide students with three meals per day.
- LIABILITY:** We have a \$26,000,000 policy to protect you and your school. We provide secondary health insurance and specialized access to Georgetown Medical Center.
- SAFETY:** Your safety is our #1 priority – from the time you travel here until you arrive home. We provide full supervision including night monitors at each hotel.
- COLLEGE CREDIT:** Our dynamic curriculum allows you to take your educational experience even further. High school students can get a jump on the college admissions process by opting to pursue college credit from American University.



OUR MISSION

Established in 1971, Close Up is a non-profit that educates, inspires, and empowers young people to be effective participants in our democracy.

Our participants come from all 50 states, U.S. territories, Puerto Rico, and numerous countries around the world. More than 94% of alumni say that Close Up helped them better understand their roles as citizens.

We work closely with teachers, administrators, parents, and students nationwide, as well as with long-standing partners and funders such as the U.S. Congress, the Department of Education, the Department of Interior, the Freedom Forum, C-SPAN, the Center on Congress, and Bank of America. We are also approved by the National Association of Secondary School Principals.

Additionally, we fulfill our mission through classroom teaching tools. The most notable of which is *Current Issues*, in its 38th edition, which is relied on by teachers nationwide to stimulate classroom debate on key policy issues. For over 35 years, we have also produced hundreds of TV shows on C-SPAN that feature Close Up students dialoguing with U.S. Presidents, lawmakers, and the media.



CLOSE UP USET SAMPLE SCHEDULE

SATURDAY

ARRIVE IN WASHINGTON

Meet your Close Up Concierge and explore DC with your school



WELCOME DINNER

GROUP ORIENTATION

Meet your peers from around the country with whom you will make lasting memories as you discuss and debate issues during the week



WELCOMING REMARKS FROM USET

LARGE GROUP WORKSHOP*

The Rights and Responsibilities of dual citizens, an introduction to USET

SUNDAY

HOT BREAKFAST BUFFET

INDIAN POLICY HISTORY WORKSHOP

Examine major government actions to identify the impact on tribes and sovereignty

THOMAS JEFFERSON MEMORIAL

Examine the Doctrine of Discovery and analyze the effect on Jefferson's policies and attitudes toward American Indians



WHITE HOUSE STUDY VISIT

NATIONAL MUSEUM OF THE AMERICAN INDIAN EXPLORATION AND LUNCH

Federal policy affecting American Indians and impact today

LINCOLN MEMORIAL

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT STRUCTURE WORKSHOP

TRIBAL GOVERNMENT LARGE GROUP ACTIVITY

Students create presentations about their tribe's government, economy, and culture

MONDAY

HOT BREAKFAST BUFFET

USET FLAG CEREMONY

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. MEMORIAL

Examine various methods of direct action used by the Civil Rights and American Indian Movements



INDIAN ISSUES TODAY PANEL

Experts in Indian law and policy share insights to help students develop ideas for their tribal action initiatives

U.S. MARINE CORPS MEMORIAL

TRIBAL ACTION INITIATIVES

Develop policy proposals to tribal leaders and USET delegates



USET RECEPTION

Presentation of Tribal Action Initiatives

TUESDAY

HOT BREAKFAST BUFFET

CAPITOL HILL DAY



LEGISLATIVE WALKING WORKSHOP

EXPLORE THE U.S. CAPITOL VISITOR CENTER & MUSEUM

LEGISLATIVE BRIEFING: SENATE INDIAN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

LUNCH AT THE HOUSE CAFETERIA

VISIT THE SUPREME COURT AND LIBRARY OF CONGRESS

GROUP PHOTO

SMITHSONIAN STUDY VISITS

NEIGHBORHOOD STUDY VISIT

Explore a DC neighborhood and examine real-life examples of citizens impacting change through policy in neighborhoods

WORKSHOP: EXAMINING ISSUES IN AMERICAN INDIAN COUNTRY

WEDNESDAY

HOT BREAKFAST BUFFET

EXECUTIVE BRIEFING: BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS



WAR MEMORIALS

Examine the role American Indians have played in U.S. military conflicts

WORLD WAR II

KOREAN WAR

VIETNAM WAR MEMORIAL



COUNCIL PREP WORKSHOP

USET COUNCIL LARGE GROUP ACTIVITY

THEATER

THURSDAY

BREAKFAST WITH TRIBAL LEADERS



CHAPERONE GUIDED TIME

FINAL WORKSHOP

Reflect on experiences, discuss how they will be used to inspire and empower students to be more engaged citizens and leaders

DINNER AND CLOSING REMARKS
DANCE AND LOUNGE

HOT BREAKFAST BUFFET

DEPART FOR HOME

* Workshops and seminars help students make personal connections to the roles that they, as ordinary citizens, play in the U.S. democracy.

* 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.



COORDINATORS

Bring your classroom to life!

At Close Up, we provide educational value and complement what you do in your classroom. Your students are not here to simply sightsee, and you are not here to simply chaperone. Our curriculum is aligned with Common Core and state standards for social studies, history, and civics. Our outstanding faculty of Program Instructors conduct fascinating workshops and discussions between students and their peers. We bring students face-to-face with the people and places that have shaped our nation and provide them with the opportunity to meet with their tribal leaders and USET delegation. As a result, young people not only get to witness Washington, DC, close up, but they will return home inspired to play an informed and active role in your community.

While students explore DC with our instructors, you have the option of participating in our professional development program options led by our Teacher Program Specialists. The Teacher Program draws on the expertise of our many partner institutions, which provide outstanding speakers, resources, and simulations designed to give teachers like you your very own Close Up experience. You will return home with new insights on current issues and with tools to improve and enhance your lesson plans.

PARTNERS

United South and Eastern Tribes • Smithsonian Institute • National Archives • U.S. Federal Courts • United States Institute for Peace • American University • U.S. Department of Education • Gettysburg National Battlefield • U.S. Department of Interior • Georgetown University Medical Center • Harper's Ferry Historic Park The U.S. Congress • Center on Congress • Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund • U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum • Raise.me National Constitution Center • National Congress of the American Indian • National Museum of Crime & Punishment White House Historical Association • National Indian Education Association • Mt. Vernon • President Lincoln's Cottage • Embassies of Washington • First Amendment Center • U.S. State Department • Library of Congress • Newseum • Woodrow Wilson Center

PARENTS

Give your child a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity!

Close Up is a non-profit educational organization, which means we work hard to offer an incredible program at the best possible value. We know that where you put every penny counts. The Close Up program is an investment in your child's future and the future of our nation. Our program's sole purpose is to provide your child with the chance to experience our government in action and encourage them to return home and participate in their community.

Our programs are a great value and our all-inclusive cost includes:*

- Three meals per day;
- Coach bus transportation around the city;
- Enriching educational materials;
- Top-notch instruction from trained educators;
- All logistics, planning, and travel arrangements;
- Quality hotel accommodations and a concierge;
- All entrances fees and gratuities, plus theater;
- Booking speakers and Congressional meetings;
- A dedicated Close Up Representative for your school;
- Group photo, certificate and Close Up souvenirs;
- Specialized access to Georgetown Medical Center; and
- 24-hour supervision, including night monitors at hotels.

All Close Up activities are designed with your student's safety in mind, and our unsurpassed record demonstrates that your child's safety and security is our top priority.

**You may elect to purchase your own travel arrangements separately from Close Up's travel package.*

STUDENTS

An unforgettable week in Washington, DC!

Our program is like no other! You will learn more than you ever thought possible, achieve more than you ever thought you could, and have more fun than we could ever explain! We put you in the center of the action in one of the world's most exciting cities. During our fast-paced, interactive programs in the nation's capital, you will take part in thrilling, challenging, and unforgettable activities as you breathe in all that Washington has to offer. Close Up not only allows you to see your government, but to be part of your government. Students can even earn college credit from American University while participating on Close Up! Visit www.CloseUp.org for more information.

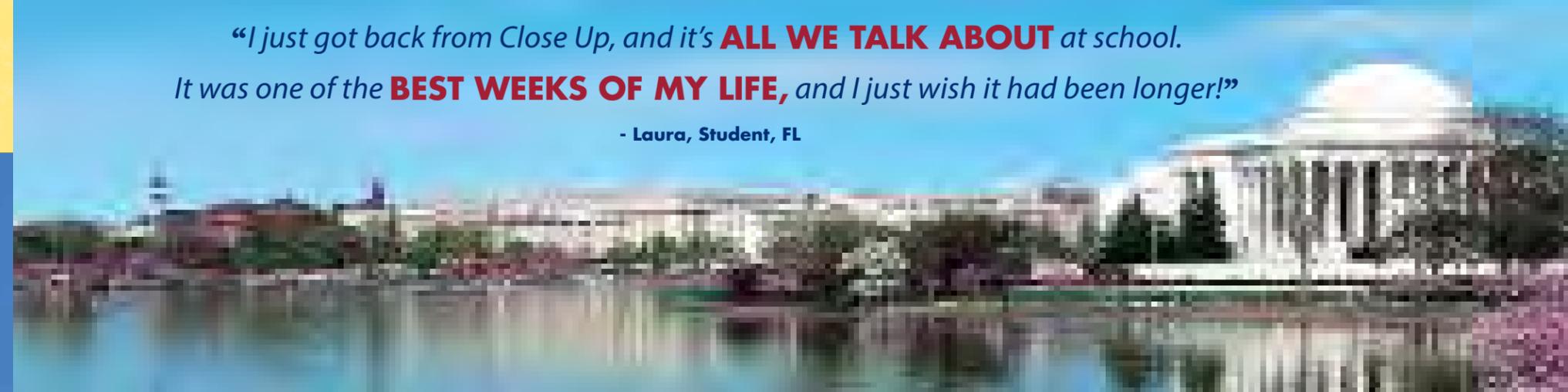
You will...

- Discuss current issues facing your community and country;
- Visit the world-renowned Smithsonian Museums;
- Make new friends from around the nation;
- Formulate a tribal action initiative with your peers;
- Present tribal action initiative to USET Board and delegates;
- See DC's famous monuments and memorials close up;
- Talk with members of Congress, Washington insiders & journalists;
- Capture awe-inspiring views of DC's famous landmarks at night;
- Attend USET Reception, DC Theater, banquet and dance; and
- Discover DC's vibrant neighborhoods and so much more!

*"I just got back from Close Up, and it's **ALL WE TALK ABOUT** at school.*

*It was one of the **BEST WEEKS OF MY LIFE**, and I just wish it had been longer!"*

- Laura, Student, FL



NEXT STEPS

- COORDINATORS:** Contact Melissa Williams at 703-706-3602 or mwilliams@closeup.org, for more information on these exciting options and how to enroll your participants.
- STUDENTS:** Talk to your Close Up Coordinator today and get your Close Up Participant ID and Password to enroll in this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity! You will make lots of new friends as you live, learn and interact with other students from across the U.S. and the world.

Contact us at **800-256-7387**, info@closeup.org, or visit us online at www.CloseUp.org for more information.

Each year, through our Washington, DC-based programs and our publications, Close Up helps more than one million students and teachers in 15,000 schools nationwide develop the skills needed to begin a lifetime of active citizenship. Please visit our website to learn more about Close Up and all of our experiential programs and resources, including:

CLOSE UP MIDDLE SCHOOL PROGRAMS — a fast-paced, fun-filled, and educational experience using DC as a living classroom to help middle school students explore the links between history and the rights and responsibilities of citizens today;

CLOSE UP NEW AMERICANS PROGRAMS — this unique program provides recently immigrated and migrant students with the knowledge and confidence they need to become informed and active citizens;

CLOSE UP CUSTOM PROGRAMS — design your very own program to complement your curriculum through hands-on explorations of Washington, DC; and

CLOSE UP'S CURRENT ISSUES TEXTBOOK — stimulate classroom discussions and debates about key policy issues the U.S. faces today!

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CLOSE UP'S ONE-OF-A-KIND PROGRAM OPTIONS