

CLOSE UP MIDDLE SCHOOL PROGRAM

Election Week



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?

* 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

Thomas Jefferson & Franklin Delano Roosevelt Memorial Study Visits*

Learn about two of America's most influential presidents and decide which rights are most important to you

Lunch at Reagan Building and International Trade Center

WWII Memorial Study Visit

Learn how everyday citizens supported the war effort

MLK Memorial Study Visit

How can an ordinary citizen accomplish extraordinary things?

Arlington National Cemetery

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

Dinner at Pentagon City Mall

Characteristics of a Good Law Workshop

Prepare for Capitol Hill by learning how laws are made

TUESDAY

Explore the U.S. Capitol Visitor Center and Museum

An inside look at how Congress works

Capitol Hill Group Photo

Smithsonian American History Museum and Lunch

Monuments on the National Mall

Discover the meaning behind the Korean, Vietnam, and Lincoln Memorials

Dinner

Mock Presidential Election

Discuss the role of the executive branch and elect a president for the program while mid-term results are revealed in real-time!

Close Up was wonderful! I met so many new friends and the instructors were great at explaining things. Everything we did was engaging, fun, and educational.

— Abby, Student, AK

WEDNESDAY

Depart for Philadelphia, PA

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

Dinner in Philadelphia

Depart for Washington, DC

THURSDAY

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 **MOUNT VERNON**, George Washington's home in Virginia, or other iconic sites and exciting neighborhoods in the nation's capital with your school.