**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

Understanding the Role of a Citizen Workshop*
What actions can citizens take to participate in democracy?

**MONDAY**

Franklin Delano Roosevelt Memorial Study Visit**
Examine the impact individual action can have on the government

Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Study Visit
Look at the effect civil rights movements can have on the country

Lunch and Smithsonian National Museum of American History Exploration
Discover the complexity and richness of our nation’s history at this acclaimed museum

Thomas Jefferson Memorial Study Visit
What current issues do you think will have the greatest impact on your generation?

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

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

White House Study Visit
Discuss the role of the executive branch as you walk through the President’s neighborhood

Lunch at L’Enfant Plaza

Capitol Hill Study Visit
Walk the halls of Congress to get a first-hand look at how the legislative branch works

Capitol Hill Group Photo

**WEDNESDAY**

Citizenship Send-Off Workshop
Set goals and identify ways in which you can be more active and involved in your community

Smithsonian Museum of Natural History Study Visit and Lunch
Explore the history and potential of the natural world through this collection of 145 million specimens and artifacts

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.

After going on Close Up I’m more motivated to speak out for what I think is important.
– Alisha, Student, FL

* 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.