United South & Eastern Tribes Program
Washington, DC

Saturday
Arrive in Washington
Meet your Close Up Concierge and explore DC with your school
Welcome Dinner
Group Orientation
Meet students from across the country and get to know your Close Up Instructor
Welcoming Remarks from USET Staff
Introduction Workshop* Form a workshop community with other students, establish guidelines, identify goals, introduction to USET
Social Activity

Sunday
Federal Indian Policy Workshop
Analyze the impact of Federal Indian Policy and Native resistance
Thomas Jefferson Memorial Study Visit** Examine Manifest Destiny and Indian Removal in Jefferson’s work
White House Study Visit Study the Indian Removal Act and the different perspectives of Native Nations
NMAI Study Visit Identify how language, stories, and symbols influence Native history and current conditions
Franklin D. Roosevelt Memorial Study Visit Discuss Allotment, Reorganization, and government involvement in Native affairs
Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Study Visit How can techniques used by past socio-political movements apply to current Indian Country?
Dinner at Restaurant
Federal Government Structure Workshop
Discover the three branches of government and their roles in forming American Indian policy
Tribal Government Group Activity
Work with your Tribal Nation to create presentations about your tribe’s government, economy, and culture

Monday
USET Flag Ceremony Serve as a flag-bearer in this ceremonial opening of the mid-winter Conference
Indian Issues Today Panel Seminar Experts in Indian law and policy will share their insights with students as they prepare to develop ideas for their Tribal Action Initiatives
Lunch at Hotel
Tribal Action Initiatives Activity
Work with peers from your tribe to create solutions to issues that affect your community and present them to your tribal leaders
U.S. Marine Corps Memorial Visit the larger-than-life representation of the iconic flag-raising at Iwo Jima
USET Reception Enjoy an evening with USET delegates after presenting the Tribal Action Initiatives

Tuesday
Current Issues in Indian Country Workshop
Learn about the relationship between tribal nations and executive branch
Legislative Walking Workshop
Breakfast with the Bureau of Indian Affairs and vote by USET delegation
Capitol Hill Day
Meeting with Senate Committee on Indian Affairs
Panel in Indian Affairs Committee Hearing
Explore the U.S. Capitol Visitor Center & Museum
Lunch at the House Cafeteria
Visit the Supreme Court and Library
Group Photo
Dinner at Pentagon City Mall
War Memorials Study Visit Examine the role American Indians have played and continue to play in U.S. military conflicts (WWII, Vietnam, and Korean War Memorials)

Wednesday
Executive Briefing with the Committee on Indian Affairs
Capitol Hill Day
Sovereignty Statement Workshop Collaborate with Workshop to create a statement about Tribal Sovereignty and its importance
Sovereignty Statement Presentation
Dinner at Union Station
Social Activity

Thursday
Breakfast with Tribal Leaders
USET Council Session Present Sovereignty Statements and vote by USET delegation
DC Exploration Spend the day with your tribal nation visiting popular sites in the nation’s capitol
Closing Reflection How will you stay engaged on issues that matter to you?
Banquet and Dance Enjoy a fun-filled evening with your new friends as you dance the night away
Sightsee in Washington Prior to your departure, spend some more time in the city with your school
Depart for Home

Sample schedule subject to change.

* 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.