

# CLOSE UP MIDDLE SCHOOL PROGRAM - WASHINGTON, DC & NEW YORK CITY



## 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

### Workshop: Understanding the Role of a Citizen\*

What actions can citizens  
take to participate in  
democracy?



## MONDAY

### Franklin Delano Roosevelt Memorial Study Visit\*\*

Examine the impact individual  
actions can have on government

### MLK Memorial Study Visit

Look at the effect civil rights  
movements can have on the U.S.

### Lunch and Exploration at the Smithsonian National Museum of American History

Discover history and culture at  
this world-renowned museum

### Thomas Jefferson Memorial Study Visit

What current issues have  
the greatest impact on your  
generation?

### U.S. Marine Corps Memorial

Visit the larger-than-life statue of  
the iconic flag-raising at Iwo Jima

### Arlington National Cemetery

Visit this 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 laws



## TUESDAY

**Congressional Deliberation**  
Examine pressing national  
issues & deliberate on policy  
options

### 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

### Dinner at Ronald Reagan Building and International Trade Center

### Evening Monuments on the National Mall

Visit the WWII, Korean,  
Vietnam, and Lincoln  
Memorials as they  
illuminate the night sky



## 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 of the  
natural world through this  
collection of 145 million  
specimens and artifacts

### Independent Time

Spend the afternoon  
exploring other sites in  
Washington, DC, with your  
school, such as:

- U.S. Holocaust
- Memorial Museum
- Smithsonian National
- Air and Space Museum
- National Portrait
- Gallery

Dinner



## THURSDAY

Depart for New York City

Lunch at a NYC Deli

### American Natural History Museum Exploration

See several exhibits and  
contemplate how they tell  
the overall story of the  
museum

### Central Park Study Visit

Visit landmarks such as  
Strawberry Fields, Imagine  
Circle, and Belvedere Castle

### Dinner in Times Square

Enjoy dinner under the  
bright lights in this iconic  
New York destination

### Times Square Study Visit

Visit Broadway - 'The Great  
White Way' - in New York  
City's famous theater district

### Performance at a Broadway Theater

See a show and experience  
first-hand why New York  
City is considered the  
cultural capital of the nation



## FRIDAY

Ferry Ride from Battery Park  
to Liberty Island

### Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island

See the place where millions  
of immigrants entered the  
country and explore the history  
of US immigration policy

Lunch

### Financial District and 9/11 Memorial Study Visits

Explore the Financial District  
and 9/11 Memorial

### Brooklyn Bridge Walk

Take in the breathtaking  
views of the city from this  
iconic bridge

### Dinner in Little Italy

### Rockefeller Plaza

See 360 degrees of NYC from  
Top of the Rock

## SATURDAY

### Sightsee in the Big Apple

Prior to departure, spend time  
in the city with your school

Depart for Home

\* 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.