

CLOSE UP MIDDLE SCHOOL - FOUNDING OF A NATION



MONDAY

Arrive in Washington, DC
Meet your Close Up Concierge and explore DC with your school

Group Orientation
Meet students from across the country who you will spend the week with, and get to know your Close Up Program Instructor

Introductory Workshop*
What are the biggest issues that we face in our democracy today?

Founding Documents Activity
Examine the origins of our democracy

Founding Documents Workshop
Take a look at how the Declaration of Independence, U.S. Constitution, and Bill of Rights impact America today

*Workshops are small learning communities. 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.

TUESDAY

Hot Breakfast Buffet

Depart for Colonial Williamsburg

Program Instructor-Led Williamsburg Study Visit**

Historic Tavern Lunch
Dine in one of Williamsburg's rustic taverns located in the heart of the Revolutionary City

Explore Colonial Williamsburg with Historical Interpreters

Walk in the footsteps of **Thomas Jefferson, Patrick Henry, and George Wythe**

Visit the **Capitol**, the seat of Colonial Virginia's power

Sit in the pews of **Bruton Parish Church**, where George Washington worshipped

Dinner in Williamsburg

Depart for Washington, DC

Federalism Workshop
What is the proper balance between federal and state authority?

WEDNESDAY

Hot Breakfast Buffet

Depart for Philadelphia

National Constitution Center Study Visit
Experience cutting-edge, hands-on exhibits that bring the Constitution to life

Lunch at National Constitution Center

Explore Independence Park and Philadelphia's Historic District

Visit the birthplace of our nation at **Independence Hall**

Discover the role of the printed word in the American Revolution at the **Printing Office**

See the **Liberty Bell**, a symbol of freedom and justice

Visit **Congress Hall**, the home of Congress from 1790-1800

Depart for Lancaster, PA

Dinner in Amish Country
Enjoy an evening in the Amish countryside

THURSDAY

Hot Breakfast Buffet

Depart for Gettysburg

Gettysburg Cyclorama
Experience the Battle of Gettysburg through a dramatic sound and light program that is as tall as a four-story building

Gettysburg Museum of the Civil War Study Visit and Lunch

Explore this interactive exhibit featuring relics from the Battle of Gettysburg

Lincoln's Gettysburg Address Site
Reflect on the importance of one of America's great speeches

Historic Battlefield Tour
Walk your way through the Battle of Gettysburg and learn more about the turning point in the Civil War with a Gettysburg Park Ranger

Depart for Washington, DC

Dinner at Pentagon City Mall

Citizenship Send-Off Workshop

Identify ways in which you can be more active and involved in your community

FRIDAY

Hot Breakfast Buffet

Mount Vernon Study Visit

Tour of George Washington's Mansion

Explore the home, gardens, and farms of his riverside estate

Group Photo

Visit the Museum and Education Center

View an array of artifacts and learn more about the first president of the United States

Lunch & Exploration in Old Town Alexandria

Walk the cobblestone streets of this historic port city

Depart for Home

“Close Up was one of the best experiences ever! I loved everything and I will never forget this trip!”

— Michelle, Student, TX