

# CLOSE UP MIDDLE SCHOOL - PROGRAM FOR NEW AMERICANS



## SUNDAY

### 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 Program Instructor**

### Essentials of Democracy Workshop\*

Share how the government impacts your day-to-day life and discover ways you can influence government decisions

### Social Time

*\*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

### Founding Documents Workshop

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

### National Archives Study Visit\*\*

Explore American history through our nation's Charters of Freedom

### Lunch at L'Enfant Plaza

### Thomas Jefferson Memorial Study Visit

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

### Franklin Delano Roosevelt Memorial Study Visit

Discuss the New Deal and government responsibility

### U.S. Marine Corps Memorial

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

### Dinner at DC's Historic Union Station

### Characteristics of a Good Law Workshop

Prepare for Tuesday on the Hill and learn how laws are made



## TUESDAY

### Congressional Deliberation

Examine pressing national issues and deliberate on policy options

### Group Photo

### Lunch on the National Mall

### Capitol Hill Walking Workshop

Walk the halls of Congress and get an exclusive look at how our government operates

### U.S. Capitol Visitor Center and Museum

Learn the story of Congress as you explore inspiring and interactive exhibits

### Smithsonian Natural History Museum

Feed your curiosity and explore the hands-on exhibits that capture the beauty and diversity of the natural world

### Dinner

### Lincoln Memorial Study Visit

How does the imagery of the Lincoln Memorial portray his legacy?

### Evening Monuments on the National Mall

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



## WEDNESDAY

### Arlington National Cemetery

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

### Lunch at Pentagon City

### On-Site Study Visit

Hear from a local organization such as the Latin American Youth Center to learn about community service

### Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Study Visit

How can an ordinary citizen accomplish extraordinary things?

### White House Study Visit and Photo-Op

Discuss the role of the executive branch as you walk through the president's neighborhood

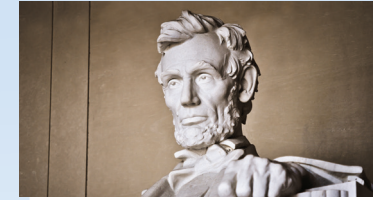
### Air Force Memorial

Honor those who have served in the Air Force and get a breathtaking view of the city

### Dinner

### Theater

Enjoy a musical theater experience during a fun night on the town



## THURSDAY

### Closing Reflection

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

### American History Museum Visit

Explore a variety of national treasures from colonial times to present day, such as the Star-Spangled Banner

### The National Mall

### Depart for Home

“Close Up taught me how I can better contribute to our democracy!”

— DIEGO, STUDENT, CA



Hear more from Close Up teachers, students, and parents!