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













# 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 who you will spend the week with and get to know your Close Up Program Instructor

Workshop: Understanding the Role of a Citizen\*

What actions can citizens take to participate in democracy?

\*Workshops are small learning communities

Close Up Program Instructor for the duration

\*\* Study Visits led by highly trained instructors

using historic sites and institutions as living

provide unique opportunities to learn

Sample schedule subject to change.

comprised of students from various states. Each workshop community is led by the same

# MONDAY

# Franklin Delano Roosevelt Memorial Study Visit\*\*

Examine the impact individual actions 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 at L'Enfant Plaza

### **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** 

### Workshop: Characteristics of a **Good Law**

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 Ronald Reagan Building and International Trade Center** 

### **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** 

# **Exploration at the Smithsonian National Museum of American**

Discover history and culture at this world-renowned museum

**Dinner at Hard Rock Café** 

### **Evening Monuments on the National Mall**

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

# WEDNESDAY

### Workshop: Citizenship Send-Off

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 your departure, spend some more time in the city with your school

**Depart for Home** 













