CLOSE UP MIDDLE SCHOOL - WASHINGTON, DC & PHILADELPHIA

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?

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 Penton 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

Evening Monuments on the National Mall
Visit the WWII, Korean War, Vietnam, and Lincoln Memorials as they illuminate the night sky

WEDNESDAY
Depart for Philadelphia, PA

National Constitution Center
Take a journey through the Constitution in this interactive history museum

Lunch at Philly Gourmet Steaks

Independence Park and Philadelphia’s Historic District
Find yourself surrounded by American history

Independence Hall: Visit the birthplace of our nation

Liberty Bell: Visit the iconic symbol of American Independence

Congress Hall

President’s House: Discuss the irony of slavery during America’s early years of independence

Dinner in Philadelphia

Depart for Washington, DC

THURSDAY
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

The National Mall

Close Up brought me closer to politics!

– MARGARET, STUDENT, NY

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

*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.

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