

CLOSE UP MIDDLE SCHOOL - WASHINGTON, DC & WILLIAMSBURG



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 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

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 History
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

Depart for Williamsburg, VA

Williamsburg Study Visit

Immerse yourself in Virginia's colonial history and learn about 18th-century life through explorations led by **Williamsburg's Historical Interpreters**

Lunch in Colonial Williamsburg

Historical Colonial Exploration

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

Discover the crafts of **Colonial America** with visits to trade shops like the apothecary and blacksmith

Dinner in Williamsburg

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

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!