

CLOSE UP - UNITED SOUTH & EASTERN TRIBES IMPACT WEEK YOUTH SUMMIT



FRIDAY

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

Welcome Dinner

Opening Remarks

Group Orientation

Meet students from across the country and get to know your Close Up program instructor

Introduction Workshop*

Form a workshop community with other students, establish guidelines, identify goals, introduction to USET

Social Time

**Workshops are small learning communities made up 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.

SATURDAY

Federal Indian Policy History Workshop - Part 1

Thomas Jefferson Memorial Study Visit: The Doctrine of Discovery**

Analyze the effects of Jefferson's American Indian policies

White House Study Visit

Examine Andrew Jackson and discuss his actions regarding American Indians

Smithsonian National Museum of the American Indian Study Visit

- *Americans Exhibit*
- Lunch
- Exploration

Federal Government Structure Workshop

Discuss the three branches of government and the role each branch plays in American Indian policy

Pizza Dinner

USET History Panel

Tribal Government Preparatory Workshop

Tribal Government Group Activity

Work with peers from your tribe to create a presentation about your tribe's government, economy, and culture

Social Time

SUNDAY

Federal Indian Policy History Workshop - Part 2

Franklin D. Roosevelt Memorial Study Visit

Discuss Allotment, Reorganization, and government involvement in Native affairs

Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Study Visit

How can techniques used by past socio-political movements apply to current Indian Country?

Lunch at L'Enfant Plaza

Current Issues in Indian Country

Tribal Action Initiatives Activity

Work with peers from your tribe to create solutions to issues that affect your community

Break

Tribal Action Initiatives Activity-Continued

Dinner at Hotel

USET Mental Health Panel

Social Time

MONDAY

USET Flag Ceremony & Opening Ceremony

Indian Issues Today Panel

Gain insights from experts in Indian law and policy as you prepare to further develop ideas for your Tribal Action Initiative

Capitol Hill Group Photo

Lunch in Crystal City

Introduction to USET Youth Statement on Sovereignty

Sovereignty Workshop

Collaborate with your peers to create a statement about Tribal Sovereignty and its importance

Break

Sovereignty Workshop-Continued

Final Prep for Tribal Action Initiatives

USET Reception & Dinner

Enjoy an evening with USET delegates

U.S. Marine Corps Memorial

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

Social Time

TUESDAY

USET Council Session

Present Sovereignty Statements and vote by USET delegation

Lincoln Memorial Study Visit

What does the imagery say about Lincoln's legacy?

War Memorials Study Visit

What do the WWII, Vietnam, and Korean War Memorials say about those who have served and sacrificed?

Neighborhood Study Visit and Lunch

Explore DC off the beaten path in places like Dupont Circle or Chinatown

Citizen Action Seminar/Onsite

Remarks from USET Leadership/Smithsonian Museum Exploration

Dinner at Pentagon City Mall

Workshop: Issues in Congress

Mock Congress Workshop

Debate, amend, and vote on the same issues elected representatives are currently considering

WEDNESDAY

Capitol Hill Day

Legislative Walking Workshop

Meeting with Senate Indian Affairs Committee

Supreme Court

Library of Congress

Capitol Visitors Center

Lunch

Free Exploration Time

Closing Workshop

How will you stay engaged on issues that matter to you?

Dinner and Closing Remarks

Student Dance

Enjoy a fun-filled evening with your new friends as you dance the night away

Social Time



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

THURSDAY

Sightsee in Washington

Prior to your departure, spend some more time in the city with your group

Depart for Home

“Close Up was wonderful! I met so many new friends and the instructors were great at explaining things. Everything we did was engaging, fun, and educational!”

- ABBY, STUDENT, AK