CLOSE UP MIDDLE SCHOOL - WASHINGTON, DC + PHILADELPHIA

Sunday
Arrive in Washington, DC
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 instructors
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?

Tuesday
Congressional Deliberation
Examine pressing national issues and 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
Smithsonian National Museum of American History
Discover history and culture at this world-renowned museum
Dinner at Nighthawk Pizza
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U.S. Marine Corps Memorial
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Arlington National Cemetery
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Dinner at Pentagon City Mall
Workshop: Characteristics of a Good Law
Consider the challenges of creating laws

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
Franklin Court: Consider why the Founding Fathers thought a free press was so important
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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 and Lunch
Reconvene with your school group and teacher to explore the history of the natural world through this collection of 145 million specimens
Explore the National Mall
Prior to your departure, spend some time on the National Mall with your school
Depart for Home

Sample schedule subject to change.
*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.
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"Close Up was one of the best experiences ever! I loved everything and I will never forget this trip."
- MICHELLE, STUDENT, TX