

CLOSE UP MIDDLE SCHOOL - WASHINGTON, DC + PHILADELPHIA



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?**

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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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**

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

Evening Monuments on the National Mall

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

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

Dinner in Philadelphia

Depart for Washington, DC

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

“
Close Up was one of the best experiences ever! I loved everything and I will never forget this trip.
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- MICHELLE, STUDENT, TX