

CLOSE UP MIDDLE SCHOOL - PROGRAM FOR NEW AMERICANS

SUNDAY



MONDAY



TUESDAY



WEDNESDAY



THURSDAY



Arrive in Washington

Meet your Close Up concierge and explore DC with your school

Welcome Dinner

Group Orientation

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

Essentials of Democracy Workshop*

Share how the **government impacts** your day-to-day life and discover ways you can influence government decisions

Social Time

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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Founding Documents Workshop

Take a look at how the **Declaration of Independence, U.S. Constitution, and Bill of Rights** impact America today

Thomas Jefferson and George Mason Memorials Study Visit**

Learn about one of America's most influential presidents and decide **what rights are important to you**

National Museum of American History Lunch & Study Visit

Explore American history through our nation's **Charters of Freedom**

U.S. Marine Corps Memorial
Visit the larger-than-life statue of the **iconic flag-raising** at Iwo Jima

Dinner at Pentagon City

Characteristics of a Good Law Workshop

Prepare for Tuesday on the Hill and learn **how laws are made**

Bill of Rights Workshop

What **rights have citizens gained** in our nearly 250-year history?

Group Photo

Capitol Hill Walking Workshop

Walk the halls of Congress and get an **exclusive look** at how our government operates

U.S. Capitol Visit and Lunch

Learn the **story of Congress** as you explore inspiring and interactive exhibits

Air and Space Museum Visit

Launch into the stratosphere as you explore the **history and science of aviation** and spaceflight at this Smithsonian favorite

Dinner

Lincoln Memorial Study Visit

How does the **imagery of the Lincoln Memorial** portray his legacy?

Evening Monuments on the National Mall

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

Arlington National Cemetery

Visit our nation's most hallowed ground and **witness the Changing of the Guard**

Lunch at L'Enfant Plaza

Franklin Delano Roosevelt Memorial Study Visit

Discuss the **New Deal** and government responsibility

Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Study Visit

How can an **ordinary citizen** accomplish **extraordinary things**?

White House Study Visit and Photo Op

Discuss the **role of the executive branch** as you walk through the president's neighborhood

U.S. Air Force Memorial
Honor those who have served in the Air Force and get a breathtaking view of the city

Dinner

Social Activity

Closing Reflection

Identify ways in which you can be **more active and involved** in your community

Smithsonian Natural History Museum

Feed your curiosity and **explore hands-on exhibits** that capture the beauty and diversity of the natural world

The National Mall

Depart for Home

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Close Up taught me the importance of politics and how it influences our world.

- EHTAN, STUDENT, CA

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