

# CLOSE UP PRESIDENTIAL INAUGURATION MIDDLE SCHOOL PROGRAM



**THURSDAY**



**FRIDAY**



**SATURDAY**



**SUNDAY**



**MONDAY**



**TUESDAY**



**WEDNESDAY**

**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**

**Introduction Workshop\***  
What are the **biggest issues that we face** in our democracy today?

*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.*

† *Inaugural public events planned by the Presidential Inaugural Committee are not guaranteed and subject to availability.*

*CST-1002082-40: Registration as a seller of travel does not constitute approval by the State of California.*

**FDR Memorial Study Visit\*\***  
**Should government take an active role** in providing for people's basic needs?

**MLK Memorial Study Visit**  
What actions can citizens **take** when they disagree with government?

**Lunch at Smithsonians**

**Thomas Jefferson Memorial Study Visit**  
**What rights are guaranteed** and how has our understanding of them changed over time?

**Group Photo**

**White House Photo Op and Archives Study Visit**  
Explore history through our nation's cherished **founding documents**: Declaration of Independence, U.S. Constitution, and Bill of Rights

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

**Dinner at Pentagon City Mall**

**Characteristics of a Good Law Workshop**  
Consider the challenges of creating good laws

**Mock Congress Workshop & Simulation** Take on the role of a member of Congress to **debate and vote on today's most pressing issues**

**Lunch at L'Enfant Plaza**

**Capitol Hill Study Visit**  
Get a **first-hand look** at how the legislative branch works

**Pre-Inauguration Events †**  
Kick off the presidential inauguration with these **once-in-a-lifetime events, from concerts to fireworks** on the National Mall

**Dinner**

**Mount Vernon Study Visit**  
Examine the legacy of our first president as you explore the home, gardens, and farms of **George Washington's riverside estate**

**Lunch at Mount Vernon**

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

**Smithsonian American History Museum**  
**Discover the complexity and richness** of our nation's history at this acclaimed museum

**Dinner**

**Evening Monuments on the National Mall**  
Visit the **WWII, Korean War, Vietnam War, and Lincoln Memorials** as they illuminate the night sky

**ATTEND INAUGURATION DAY EVENTS WITH YOUR SCHOOL!**

**Swearing-In of the President and Vice President**  
Watch history in the making as the president is sworn into office

**Inaugural Address**  
Be inspired as you listen to the president address the nation

**Inaugural Parade**  
See the president and vice president make their way down Pennsylvania Avenue to the White House

**Lunch in the City**

**Dinner at Hotel**

**Night Out on the Town**  
Top off this day of celebration with an epic night of bowling, food, and fun

**Spend the Day with Your School Exploring DC**

**Smithsonian Institution Museums**

**Chinatown and the National Portrait Gallery**

**U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum**

**Reflection Workshop**  
Reflect on what you have learned and identify ways in which you can be more **active and involved** in your community

**Dinner at Dave & Buster's**  
Have a blast as you eat and play games with your **new friends from across the country**

**Sightsee in Washington**  
Prior to your departure, spend some more time **exploring the city with your school**

**Depart for Home**

**EXTEND YOUR STAY IN DC!**

Enhance your Close Up experience and **spend an extra day in DC** to visit iconic sites and exciting neighborhoods in the nation's capital with your school.

“  
My experience on Close Up has forever changed my life. I met so many different students from across the U.S. and learned how to take action in my community.  
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- Treanna, Student, Georgia