CLOSE UP MIDDLE SCHOOL - WASHINGTON, DC + MT VERNON

SUNDAY
Arrive in Washington, DC
Meet your Close Up concierge and explore the city 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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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?

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

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

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

WEDNESDAY
Mt. Vernon Mansion and Estate
Experience the home and grounds of George Washington to learn about life in Virginia when America was founded

Mt. Vernon Museum and Education Center
Learn about our first president and the impact he had on America during its founding and the early republic period

Lunch

National Air and Space Museum Udvar-Hazy Center
Consider the history of manned flight and space exploration by seeing the space shuttle Discovery and the Enola Gay

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

Dinner

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

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

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

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