CLOSE UP HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAM - AMERICA 250



Arrive in Washington Meet your Close Up concierge and explore D.C. with your school

Welcome Dinner*

Program Orientation & Community Building

Meet Close Up staff and review your goals for the week

Opening Workshop**

What are the biggest issues we face in our democracy today?

Facts & Fun: Ultimate Trivia Night

Show off your knowledge of Washington with teammates from across the country



Citizen Action on the **National Mall**

How have citizens created change by making their voices heard?

Group Photo

American Political Values Study Visit***

How do the values of liberty, equality, and justice impact our political system?

Jefferson Memorial-What is the significance of liberty in the founding

documents?

FDR Memorial—How did FDR and the New Deal define equality?

MLK Memorial—How did MLK influence justice in the Civil Rights Movement?

Lunch at L'Enfant Plaza

White House Study Visit

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

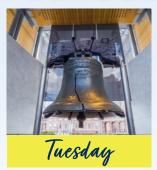
Political Values Workshop

Examine the connections between liberty, equality, and iustice

Dinner

Current Issues Discussion

Debate hot topics with new friends from across the nation



Depart for Philadelphia

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 vourself surrounded by American history in the birthplace of our nation

Independence Hall:

Visit the rooms where the Declaration of Independence and Constitution were debated and signed

Liberty Bell: Visit the iconic symbol of American independence

Congress Hall: Explore the home of the U.S. Congress from 1790 to 1800

Franklin Court: Consider why the Founding Fathers thought a free press was so important

Dinner in Philadelphia

Depart for Washington, D.C.



Wednesday

War Memorials Study Visit What do the WWII, Vietnam Veterans, and Korean War Veterans Memorials say about those who have served and sacrificed?

Lincoln Memorial

How does the imagery of this memorial portray Lincoln's legacy?

Capitol Hill Group Photo

Lunch at L'Enfant Plaza

National Politics Seminar

Gain inside access and discuss current issues with a Washington lobbyist, journalist, or policymaker

Citizen Action Site

Get inspired by examples of citizens making a difference at home and nationwide

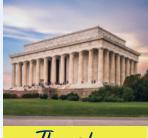
U.S. Marine Corps Memorial

Visit the larger-than-life representation of the iconic flag-raising at Iwo Jima

Dinner at Pentagon City

Mock Congress Workshop

Debate, amend, and vote on the same issues elected representatives are currently considering



Thursday

Capitol Hill Day

Walk the halls of Congress and get an exclusive, insider's look at how our government operates

Meet with your members of Congress or their staff

Attend congressional committee hearings to see how laws are formed

Explore the Capitol Visitor **Center and Museum**

Have lunch at Longworth Cafeteria, a hot spot for Washington insiders

Visit the Supreme Court, where landmark cases are decided

View the symbolic art and architecture at the Library of Congress, the largest library in the world

Witness the Senate and **House of Representatives** in action in the galleries

Closing Reflection

How will you stay engaged on issues that matter to you?

Banquet and Dance

Have a memorable, funfilled evening with your new friends before returning home



Sightsee in Washington

Prior to your departure. spend some more time in the city with your school

Depart for Home

Sample schedule subject to change.

*Student tuition includes all meals beginning with dinner on arrival day and ending with breakfast on departure

**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.













