

CLOSE UP MIDDLE SCHOOL PROGRAM - WASHINGTON, D.C. + MOUNT VERNON



Sunday

Arrive in Washington, D.C.

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?

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

**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.

Sample schedule subject to change.



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

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

Smithsonian National Museum of American History

Explore history and culture at this world-renowned museum

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

Thomas Jefferson Memorial Study Visit

What current issues will have the greatest impact on your generation?

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

White House Study Visit

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

Dinner at a Local D.C. Restaurant

Evening Monuments on the National Mall

Visit the illuminated WWII, Korean War Veterans, Vietnam Veterans, and Lincoln Memorials



Wednesday

Mount Vernon Mansion and Estate

Experience the home and grounds of George Washington to get a glimpse of life in Virginia when America was founded

Mount 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

Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum Udvar-Hazy Center

Consider the history of manned flight and space exploration among such famous aircraft as the Space Shuttle Discovery and the Enola Gay

Dinner

Dwight D. Eisenhower Memorial

See one of Washington's newest memorials, a tribute to the 34th president and supreme commander of Allied forces in WWII



Thursday

Workshop: Citizenship Send-Off

Set goals and identify ways you can be more active and involved in your community

Smithsonian National Museum of Natural History Study Visit and Lunch

Explore the history of the natural world through this collection of 145 million specimens and artifacts

The National Mall

Depart for Home



Close Up was the greatest experience of my life! I will never forget the amazing time and the wonderful people I met!

— Andrew Student Oregon

