



SAMPLE PROGRAM SCHEDULE

JULY 8-11, 2026



WEDNESDAY, JULY 8

- 6:00PM **Welcome Dinner & Keynote**
- 8:30PM **Opening Workshop:**
What are the biggest issues we face in our democracy today?
- 9:30PM **Ultimate Trivia:**
Show off your knowledge of Washington by playing trivia with teammates from across the country.
- 10:30PM Room Check

NOTE: Observers are welcome to attend the sessions shaded in blue, to hear from both participants and experts in deliberative dialogue.

THURSDAY, JULY 9

- 7:15AM **Hot Breakfast**
- 9:00AM **Deliberation #1**
- 10:30AM **Panel #1**
- 12:30PM **Lunch, Debrief & Discussion:**
Unpack what you've observed with thought leaders in deliberation and discuss how young people can continue this work nationwide.
- 3:00PM **Deliberation #2**
- 4:30PM **Panel #2**
- 5:45PM **Networking Reception:**
Make connections with teams of educators attending the concurrent Civil Discourse Lab.
- 7:45PM **Evening Monuments:**
Explore the Lincoln, Korean War Veterans, and Vietnam Veterans Memorials illuminated at night!

FRIDAY, JULY 10

- 7:15AM **Hot Breakfast**
- 9:00AM **Deliberation #3**
- 10:30AM **Panel #3**
- 12:15PM **Hoover Institution Seminar:**
Get a first-hand look at the Civic Profile, Hoover's innovative new tool to measure civic knowledge, civic values, and civic engagement.
- 1:00PM **Lunch & Neighborhood Visit:** Explore the city's vibrant character in areas such as Eastern Market and U Street.
- 2:45PM **D.C. Exploration:** Experience some of the most famous landmarks in our nation's capital.
- 6:00PM **Washington Nationals Game & Dinner:** Have a memorable evening watching the Washington Nationals take on the New York Yankees!
- 10:30PM Room Check

SATURDAY, JULY 11

- 7:30AM **Hot Breakfast**
- 9:00AM **Facilitation Training & Reflection:** How will you stay engaged and bring deliberative dialogue back to your community?
- 11:15AM **Closing Activities & Reflection**
- 12:00PM **End of Program: Lunch & Depart for Home**

Sample schedule subject to change.

DELIBERATIONS: Students will engage in moderated, small-group discussions with peers and evaluate the pros and cons of selected policy proposals.

PANELS: Students will have the chance to question and gain insight from policy experts representing diverse perspectives.

ROOM CHECK: Close Up will arrange night security in the hotel hallways and provide supervision between 10:30pm-6:00am.



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