

CLOSE UP NEW AMERICANS MIDDLE SCHOOL PROGRAM



Sunday

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

**Welcome Dinner*
Group Orientation**
Meet students from across the country and **get to know your Close Up program instructor**

Essentials of Democracy Workshop*
Share how the **government impacts** your day-to-day life and discover ways you can influence government decisions

Sample schedule subject to change.

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



Monday

Founding Documents Workshop
Take a look at how the **Declaration of Independence, Constitution, and Bill of Rights** shape America today

Thomas Jefferson and George Mason Memorials Study Visit**
Learn about two of the nation's most **influential founding figures** and decide what rights are important to you

National Museum of American History Lunch & Study Visit
Immerse yourself in American history and culture at one of the Smithsonian's most beloved museums

National Archives Study Visit
Explore U.S. history through our nation's **Charters of Freedom**

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

Dinner at Pentagon City Mall

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



Tuesday

Bill of Rights Workshop
What **rights have citizens gained** in our 250-year history?

Group Photo

Capitol Hill Walking Workshop
Walk the halls of Congress and get an **exclusive look** at how our government operates

U.S. Capitol Visit and Lunch
Learn the **story of Congress** and gain a deeper understanding of its role in our government

White House Study Visit and Photo Op
Discuss the **role of the executive branch** as you walk through the president's neighborhood

Dinner

Lincoln Memorial Study Visit
How does the memorial's imagery portray **Abraham Lincoln's legacy?**

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



Wednesday

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

Lunch at L'Enfant Plaza

National Air and Space Museum Study Visit
Launch into the stratosphere as you explore the history and **science of aviation and spaceflight** at this Smithsonian favorite

Franklin Delano Roosevelt Memorial Study Visit
Discuss the **New Deal** and government responsibility

Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Study Visit
How can an **ordinary citizen** accomplish **extraordinary things?**

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

Dinner

Social Activity



Thursday

Closing Reflection
Identify ways you can be **more active and involved** in your community

National Museum of Natural History & Lunch
Feed your curiosity and explore **hands-on exhibits** that capture the beauty and diversity of the natural world

The National Mall
Depart for Home