

CLOSE UP NATIVE YOUTH SUMMIT



Sunday

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?



Monday

Deliberation Workshop

Prioritize key issues impacting Native communities and divide into topic work groups

White House Study Visit**

Explore how Indigenous advocacy has shaped policy through engagement with the executive branch

Lunch

National Museum of the American Indian Study Visit and Exploration

Explore how Native artists use their work to express identity, resistance, and political change

Thomas Jefferson Memorial Study Visit

Interpret the memorial through Haudenosaunee social and political structures: how a confederacy shares power for the common good, how leadership is accountable, and how decisions are made

Group Presentation Workshop

Create a presentation showcasing your school, organization, culture, and/or Tribal Government

Group Gallery Presentation

Dinner

Night Monument Tour

Visit the illuminated Jefferson Memorial and U.S. Marine Corps Memorial



Tuesday

Policy Proposal Introduction

Policy Proposal Work Session 1

Research your issue topic and draft a clear statement explaining its importance to policymakers

Seminar

Hear from Native changemakers in D.C. about advocacy, leadership, and making an impact

Lunch

Franklin Delano Roosevelt Memorial Study Visit

Explore the Meriam Report's legacy and its impact on Tribal Sovereignty and self-determination

Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial

Examine how Indigenous activists use direct action to create political and social change

Dinner

Policy Proposal Work Session 2

Decide on necessary legislative actions and draft a formal policy proposal urging lawmakers to respond



Wednesday

Policy Proposal Work Session 3

Write legislative proposals, add supporting arguments, and practice presentations to refine your advocacy skills

War Memorials Study Visit

Explore the WWII, Vietnam Veterans, and Korean War Veterans Memorials

Lunch

Workshop Presentations

Finalize your policy proposal displays and practice presentations to prepare for effective delivery

Social Activity

Enjoy a well-earned celebration and time to relax, reflect, and socialize!

Dinner



Thursday

Capitol Hill Policy Proposal Expo

Present your proposals to policymakers and Close Up staff

Lunch

Smithsonian Exploration

Visit world-renowned museums to learn more about history and culture

Reflection Workshop

Reflect on the Native Youth Summit experience and explore ways to stay engaged with ongoing policy proposal work

Banquet and Dance

Have a memorable, fun-filled evening with your new friends before returning home



Friday

Breakfast

Depart for Home

Extend Your Program

Travel to New York City for an exciting three-day/two-night experience in The Big Apple!

More information available upon request.

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.