



CLOSE UP[®]
WASHINGTON DC

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What Happens Here Can Change Your World!

Close Up: History and Mission

- Non-profit and non-partisan organization founded in 1971.
- Mission is to inform, inspire, and empower students to become more active citizens.
- Over 850,000 student and teacher alums.
- We welcome 20,000 students and teachers on Close Up each year.
- 2024 will be Des Moines Middle Schools 12th year on Close Up



The Basics

- **Sunday, March 10, through Thursday, March 14**
- 5 days/4 nights
- Focus on American History and how it impacts our lives today
- Students from around the country (CO, HI, AK, TX, FL, OK, CA, etc.)
- Close to 250 middle school students expected to attend the week of March 10



Schedule Walkthrough

Sunday, March 10

- Fly from DSM to Washington, DC
- Our staff will be at the airport to meet the group at baggage claim.
- Check-in at hotel
- Meet your PI and workshop
- Principles of Democracy activity
- Room check
- *Nighttime security/supervision



Schedule Walkthrough (cont.)

Monday, March 11

- Jefferson Memorial and FDR Memorial Study Visits
- Lunch in downtown DC
- Capitol Hill Walking Workshop
 - See live debate
 - Committee Hearings
 - Supreme Court/Library of Congress
- Lincoln Memorial, Korean War Memorial, and Vietnam Veterans Memorial
- Examining Citizenship Workshop



Schedule Walkthrough (cont.)

Tuesday, March 12

- World War II Memorial and MLK Memorial Study Visits
- White House Photo Op
- Lunch at a Smithsonian Museum
- Smithsonian Museum Visit
- Arlington National Cemetery
 - Tomb of the Unknown Soldier/Changing of the Guard
 - Challenger Memorial
 - JFK Gravesite
- Dinner at Union Station
- Mock Congress



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Schedule Walkthrough (cont.)

Wednesday, March 13-Philadelphia!

- Depart for Philadelphia, PA
- Visit the National Constitution Center--Take a journey through the Constitution in this interactive history museum
- Lunch at National Constitution Center
- Explore Independence Park and Philadelphia's Historic District
- Independence Hall: Visit the birthplace of our nation
- Liberty Bell
- Congress Hall
- Washington Square
- Tomb of the Unknowns
- President's House: Visit the grounds of the first executive mansion
- Dinner in Philadelphia
- Depart for Washington, DC

Schedule Walkthrough (cont.)

Thursday, March 14

- Final Workshop
- National Archives
- American History Smithsonian Museum
- Lunch
- (Possible) Free time in DC
- Fly back to DSM



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Security & Supervision

- Close Up Program Instructors are with the students throughout each day.
- All instructors have over 140 hours of training, criminal background checks, CPR/First Aid training, and a passion for education. These are NOT contracted tour guides.
- Night monitors are in the hotel hallways from room check through breakfast the next morning.
- ‘Students’ Needs Assistant’ available to assist with sick students, on-call nurses, and special relationship with Georgetown University Medical Center.
- Close Up Emergency Hotline number printed on schedules/nametags and operates throughout the week.

Price and What's Included

- Total student price is **\$1,930** which includes...
 - Airfare from DSM (excluding baggage fees);
 - Academic materials and instruction;
 - Hotel accommodations;
 - Three meals per day starting with dinner on Sunday, ending with lunch on Thursday;
 - All in-town transportation;
 - 24-hour supervision including night monitors;
 - All admission fees;
 - Tips/Gratuities;
 - Secondary medical coverage and access to Georgetown University Medical Center;
 - Close Up souvenir backpack, water bottle, and group photo
- **Not Included:**
 - Airline baggage fees
 - Spending money for extra souvenirs and snacks
 - Meals before dinner on Sunday or after lunch on Thursday
- Travel insurance is optional but **STRONGLY** encouraged

Pricing Basics

- Total price is **\$1,930**.
- \$500 **non-refundable** deposit is due by Tuesday, October 24th.
- Final payments are due by Thursday, January 11th.

The \$500 deposit is non-transferable and not refundable when made. All payments made between 10/24 and 1/11 are refundable.




Answers to Common Questions

- We will have a two pre-trip meetings to discuss specific flight/hotel info and what to pack. **One in November after the \$500 deposit** is due **and one in February**. *Dates will be share with families after the deposit deadline*
- DMPS Teachers act as chaperones during the trip as well as Close Up staff. There are 10 students per 1 DMPS staff members.
- Registering does not obligate you to attend, but it will give you access to our fundraising resources online
- Roommate selection will be done in February.
 - There will be 4 students per room.
- Vegetarian option(s) available at each meal
- Dress code is casual on Close Up

To close...

- **Amazing opportunity** to see some of the country's most famous historic landmarks and give you background to help you in your American history class
- 'Civics shop class' – Close Up brings your history class and textbook to life
- Hang out with friends from school and make new friends from around the country
- Prepares you for your future social studies and history classes
- **Financial aid** is available and is based on free/reduced lunch program. **This will be provided after deposits are made. Financial aid averages ~\$200 per student that qualifies.**
- **Fundraising Options** – 40x40, sponsor letters, and matching gifts
- Visit our website (www.CloseUp.org) for more info



Please access the link below to register your student for the 2024 Spring Break DC Trip

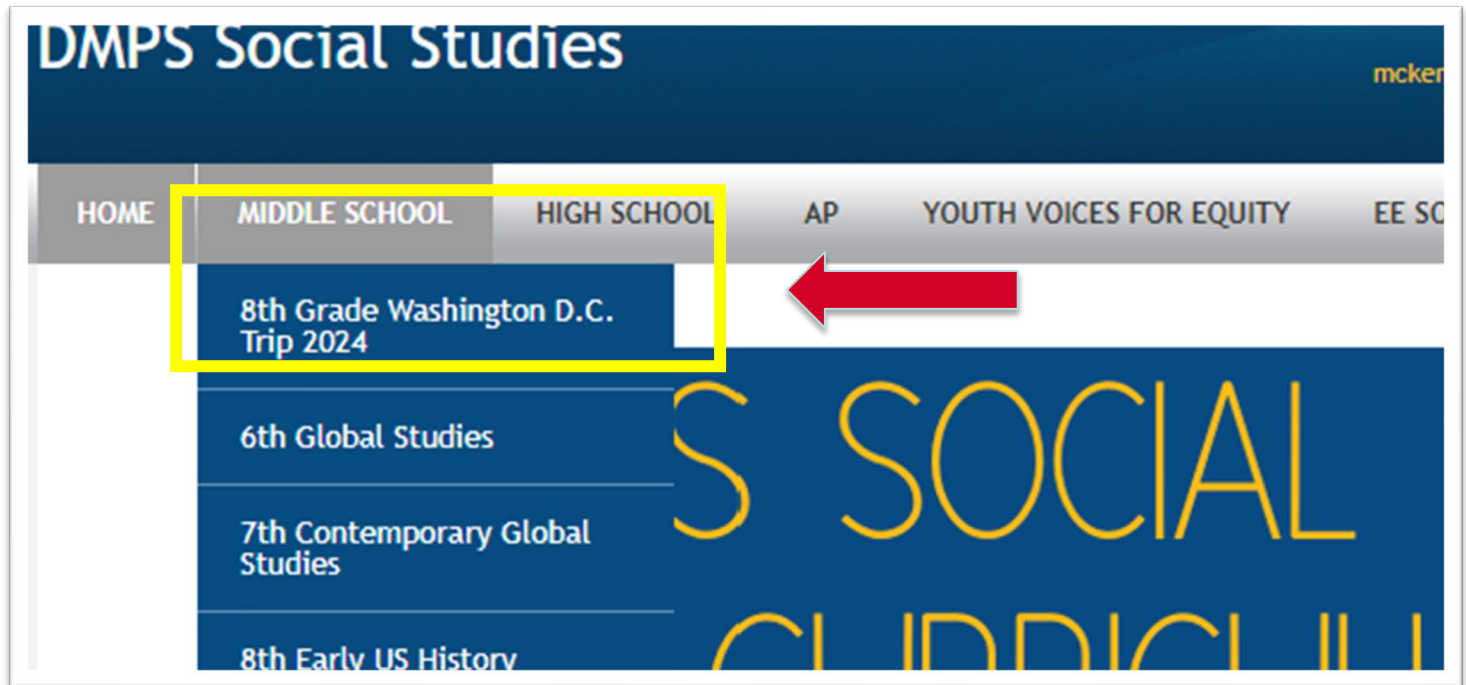
Pay \$500 by 10/24 to be fully registered
(you are not fully registered until you receive a log in email from
Mckenzie Kennedy **AND** pay the \$500 deposit on or before 10/24)

After completing the request you will receive log in information
within a week via email from McKenzie Kennedy.

<https://tinyurl.com/DMPSDC2024>

Resource Site

socialstudies.dmschools.org



DMPS Social Studies

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8th Grade Washington D.C. Trip 2024

6th Global Studies

7th Contemporary Global Studies

8th Early US History

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OPTIONAL Parent Meeting

If you have additional questions, please plan to attend the OPTIONAL virtual meeting Tuesday, October 10th from 5:30pm – 6pm using the link below:

[Click here to join the meeting](#)

[on 10/10 @ 5:30](#)

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Questions now?

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