

CLOSE UP MIDDLE SCHOOL PROGRAM

Washington, DC and Philadelphia



Sundays

Arrive in Washington, DC
Meet your Close Up Concierge and explore DC 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 Instructor

Essentials of Democracy Workshop*

How does the government impact your life?

* Workshops are small learning communities comprised 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

Thomas Jefferson & Franklin Delano Roosevelt Memorial Study Visits*
Learn about two of America's most influential presidents and decide which rights are most important to you

Lunch at Reagan Building and International Trade Center

WWII Memorial Study Visit
Learn how everyday citizens supported the war effort

MLK Memorial Study Visit
How can an ordinary citizen accomplish extraordinary things?

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

Dinner at Pentagon City Mall

Characteristics of a Good Law Workshop
Prepare for Capitol Hill by learning how laws are made

Tuesday

Mock Congress Workshop
Take on the role of a member of Congress to debate and vote on today's most pressing issues

Smithsonian American History Museum and Lunch

Explore the U.S. Capitol Visitor Center and Museum
An inside look at how Congress works

Capitol Hill Group Photo
Dinner at DC's Historic Union Station

Evening Monuments on the National Mall
Visit the Korean, Vietnam, and Lincoln Memorials as they illuminate the night sky

Wednesday

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 and Tomb of the Unknowns

President's House: Visit the grounds of the first executive mansion

Dinner in Philadelphia

Depart for Washington, DC

Thursday

Citizenship Send-Off Workshop
Set goals and identify ways in which you can be more active and involved in your community

White House Photo-Op
Discuss the role of the executive branch as you walk through the President's neighborhood

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

The National Mall

Depart for Home

“Close Up was one of the best experiences ever! I will never forget this trip!”

- Michelle, Student, CA