



# CLOSE UP

WASHINGTON, DC MIDDLE SCHOOL PROGRAMS



# WASHINGTON



Close Up offers the most comprehensive **educational opportunity** in Washington, DC. Established in 1971, Close Up is the nation's leading nonprofit, civic education organization. With **45 years of experience** partnering with schools across the nation, we provide **impactful, hands-on programs** for students that educate and inspire young people to participate in their government, become leaders in their communities, and gain a more thorough understanding of American history and government. More than **850,000 students and teachers** from around the world have participated in our experiential education programs in Washington, DC—and many more have experienced Close Up's balanced, comprehensive approach to **civic education** through our classroom resources and publications.



“  
*Close Up was one of the most wonderful and eye-opening experiences of my life! From meeting new people to seeing the memorials, I loved every second of it!*

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—Sarah, Student, CA



## WASHINGTON, DC FLAGSHIP PROGRAM

### SUNDAY

### MONDAY

### TUESDAY

### WEDNESDAY

## EXCITING ADD-ON EXPERIENCES

### GETTYSBURG

### PHILADELPHIA

### WILLIAMSBURG

### NEW YORK

- **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 instructors
- **Essentials of Democracy Workshop\***  
How does the government impact your life?
- **Meet and Greet Social Activity**

\* Workshops are small learning communities comprised of students from various states. Each workshop community is led by the same Close Up Instructor for the duration of the program.

\* 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.

- **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 in Downtown DC**
- **Explore the U.S. Capitol Visitor Center and Museum**  
An inside look at how Congress works
- **Visit the Supreme Court and Library of Congress**
- **Korean War, Vietnam War, and Lincoln Memorial Study Visits**  
How did citizens make a difference during major conflicts in American history?
- **Dinner at Pentagon City Mall**
- **Examining Citizenship Workshop**  
How can you solve the unique problems facing your community?
- **Social Activity**

- **WWII Memorial Study Visit**  
Learn how everyday citizens supported the war effort
- **MLK Memorial Study Visit**  
How can an ordinary citizen accomplish extraordinary things?
- **White House Photo-Op**
- **Smithsonian Institution Exploration**  
Visit one of the world-renowned museums to discover and learn about history and culture
- **Arlington National Cemetery**  
Visit our nation's most hallowed ground and witness the Changing of the Guard
- **Dinner at DC's Historic Union Station**
- **Mock Congress Workshop**  
Take on the role of a member of Congress to debate and vote on today's most pressing issues

- **Citizenship Send-Off Workshop**  
Set goals and identify ways in which you can be more active and involved in your community
- **National Archives Study Visit**  
Explore American history through our nation's most significant documents:
- **Declaration of Independence**
- **U.S. Constitution**
- **Bill of Rights**
- **Smithsonian American History Museum Study Visit and Lunch**
- **The National Mall**
- **Depart for Home**

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

- Michelle, Student, AZ

### Spend an Extra Day in One of These Historic Cities

- **Gettysburg Cyclorama**  
Experience the battle of Gettysburg through a dramatic sound and light program that is as tall as a four-story building
- **Gettysburg Museum of the Civil War Study Visit and Lunch**  
Explore this interactive exhibit featuring relics from the Battle of Gettysburg
- **Lincoln's Gettysburg Address Site**  
Reflect on the importance of one of America's great speeches
- **Historic Battlefield Tour**  
Walk your way through the battle of Gettysburg and learn more about the turning point in the Civil War with a Gettysburg park ranger

- **Visit the National Constitution Center**  
Take a journey through the Constitution in this interactive history museum
- **Explore Independence Park and Philadelphia's Historic District**  
Find yourself surrounded by American history
- **Independence Hall:** Visit the birthplace of our nation
- **Printing Office:** Discover the role the printed word played in the American Revolution
- **Liberty Bell**
- **Lunch at the Historic Bourse Building**
- **Congress Hall**
- **President's House**  
Explore the first executive mansion
- **Washington Square and Tomb of the Unknowns**

- **Governor's Palace**  
Explore the site that became the home to Thomas Jefferson, Patrick Henry, and seven royal governors
- **Tavern Lunch**  
Dine in one of Williamsburg's rustic taverns located in the heart of the Revolutionary City
- **Colonial Williamsburg Study Visit**  
Immerse yourself in Virginia's colonial history from 1699-1775 led by Williamsburg's Historical Interpreters
- **Experience 18th-century life:**
- **Walk in the footsteps of Thomas Jefferson, Patrick Henry, and George Wythe**
- **Visit the Capitol: The seat of Colonial Virginia's power**
- **Sit in the pews of Bruton Parish Church where George Washington worshipped**

### THURSDAY

- **Central Park Study Visit**  
Visit landmarks such as Strawberry Fields, Imagine Circle, and Belvedere Castle
- **Lunch at a New York Deli**
- **Museum Exploration**  
Visit one of New York's many cultural centers
- **Times Square Visit and Dinner**  
Performance at a Broadway Theater

### FRIDAY

- **Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island**  
Explore the universal symbol of freedom and democracy
- **Financial District and 9/11 Memorial Study Visits**
- **Brooklyn Bridge Walk**
- **Dinner in Little Italy**
- **Rockefeller Plaza**  
See 360 degrees of New York City from Top of the Rock

### SATURDAY

- **Sightsee in the Big Apple**  
Prior to your departure, spend time in the city with your school

“*Close Up is an amazing way to discover new places, learn about the government, and understand how we can change the world.*”

— Joseph, Student, NY



## THE CLOSE UP EXPERIENCE

The Close Up Washington experience is an adventure in a city brimming with exciting history and heritage. Using DC as a living classroom, you will discover all the significant events that have shaped our nation and its people from its founding to today!

*Picture standing on the same steps where Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. delivered his “I Have a Dream” speech, and the humbling moment when you read the Gettysburg Address in the chamber of the Lincoln Memorial for the first time. Imagine going to the National Archives to see the U.S. Constitution up close and walking through the halls of Congress to witness our democracy in action!*

On Close Up’s programs, you will have these once-in-a-lifetime opportunities and be inspired as you explore the famous monuments, world-renowned museums and hallowed institutions that define our past and present. Even if you have visited the nation’s capital before, your experience with Close Up will be unlike any other.

Close Up allows you to build lasting connections between your classroom and American history. We ensure you have the safest and most memorable experience possible through our all-inclusive package that includes travel, lodging, 24-hour supervision, and access to medical care. During our fast-paced, interactive programs with Close Up’s highly-trained instructors, you’ll participate in thrilling and unforgettable activities as you take in all that DC has to offer!

### You will:

- Make **lifelong friendships** as you **exchange ideas** with students from around the country;
- Visit the **world-renowned Smithsonian Museums** where history, science, art and culture come alive;
- Discuss the events that have shaped our world through **visits to DC’s must-see sites**, including Arlington Cemetery to witness the Changing of the Guard;
- Take part in an exciting, **hands-on Mock Congress** and learn more about the issues you care about the most!



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— Robin, Parent, TX



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### GET STARTED TODAY!

Talk to your Close Up teacher and get your Participant ID and Password to enroll in this amazing opportunity!

We're always here to help!

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