

UNITED SOUTH & EASTERN TRIBES PROGRAM

Washington, DC



SATURDAY

Arrive in Washington
Meet your Close Up Concierge and explore DC with your school

Welcome Dinner

Group Orientation
Meet students from across the country and get to know your Close Up Instructor

Welcoming Remarks from USET Staff

Introduction Workshop*
The rights and responsibilities of dual citizens, an introduction to USET

Social Activity

SUNDAY

Indian Policy History Workshop

Thomas Jefferson Memorial Study Visit**
Analyze the effect of Jefferson's policies towards American Indians

White House Study Visit
Examine the life of Andrew Jackson—discuss his actions regarding American Indians

Smithsonian National Museum of the American Indian Study Visit & Lunch

Franklin D. Roosevelt Memorial Study Visit
Reorganization and the New Deal

MLK Memorial
Examine the various methods of direct action used by the Civil Rights and American Indian movements

Dinner at Restaurant

Federal Government Structure Workshop
Discover the three branches of government and the role each branch plays in forming American Indian policy

Tribal Government Group Activity
Work with peers from your tribe to create presentations about your tribe's government, economy, and culture

MONDAY

USET Flag Ceremony
Serve as a flag-bearer in this ceremonial opening of the mid-winter Conference

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

Indian Issues Today Panel Seminar*
Experts in Indian law and policy will share their insights with students as they prepare to develop ideas for their Tribal Action Initiatives and to identify questions for the meetings

Lunch at National Place

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

Tribal Action Initiatives Activity
Work with peers from your tribe to create solutions to issues that affect your community

Tribal Action Initiatives Activity
Present the Tribal Action Initiatives to tribal leaders

TUESDAY

Legislative Walking Workshop
Capitol Hill Day

Attend and Observe Congressional Committee Hearings

Explore the U.S. Capitol Visitor Center & Museum

Lunch at the House Cafeteria

Visit the Supreme Court and Library

Group Photo

Dinner at Pentagon City Mall

War Memorials Study Visit
Examine the role American Indians have played and continue to play in U.S. military conflicts (WWII, Vietnam, and Korean War Memorials)

Close Up was wonderful! I met so many new friends and the instructors were great at explaining things. Everything we did was engaging, fun, and educational.

— Abby, Student, AK

WEDNESDAY

Executive Briefing with the Bureau of Indian Affairs
Learn about the relationship between tribal nations and executive branch

Lunch at National Place

Council Preparation Workshop
Develop and write your own resolutions to present in front of the USET Council

USET Mock Council Activity
Prepare and refine student resolutions of action for presentation to Council

Dinner at Union Station

DC Cultural Event
See a performance at a renowned DC theater or cheer on the Washington Nationals baseball team!

Social Activity

THURSDAY

Breakfast with Tribal Leaders

USET Council Session
Present youth resolutions and vote by USET delegation

DC Exploration
Spend the day with your tribe visiting popular sites in the nation's capital

Closing Reflection
Discuss and reflect on your increased knowledge and political efficacy

Banquet and Dance
Enjoy a fun-filled evening with your new friends as you dance the night away

FRIDAY

Sightsee in Washington
Prior to your departure, spend some more time in the city with your school

Depart for Home

* 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.