# **CLOSE UP MIDDLE SCHOOL PROGRAM**

Program for New Americans



Arrive in Washington 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 Instructors

Essentials of Democracy Workshop\* Share how the government impacts your day-to-day life and discover ways you can influence government decisions

- \* 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.



#### Μ Founding Documents Workshop Take a look at how the Declaration of Independence, U.S. Constitution. and Bill of Rights impact America today

National Archives Study Visit\*\* Explore American history through our nation's Charters of Freedom

## Lunch at L'Enfant Plaza

### **Thomas Jefferson Memorial Study** Visit

Learn about one of America's most influential presidents and decide what rights are important to you

#### Franklin Delano Roosevelt **Memorial Study Visit** Should government take an active role in providing for people's basic needs?

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

Dinner at DC's Historic Union Station

Characteristics of a Good Law Workshop Consider the challenges of creating good laws



#### Mock Congress Workshop & Simulation Take on the role of a member of

Congress to debate and vote on Ε today's most pressing issues

#### Lunch at National Place

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**Explore the U.S. Capitol Visitor** Center and Museum Discover the story of U.S. Congress as you explore inspiring and interactive exhibits!

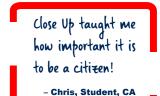
#### **Group Photo**

**Smithsonian Institution Exploration** Visit one of the world-renowned museums to discover and learn about history and culture

#### Pizza Dinner

War Memorials Study Visit What do the WWII, Vietnam, and Korean Memorials say about those who have served and sacrificed?

Lincoln Memorial Study Visit How does the imagery of the Lincoln Memorial portray his legacy?





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

#### Lunch

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#### **On-Site Study Visit**

Hear from a local organization to learn about community service, e.g. Latin American Youth Center

Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial **Study Visit** How can an ordinary citizen accomplish extraordinary things?

## White House Photo-Op

Discuss the role of the executive branch as you walk through the President's neighborhood

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

**U.S. Marine Corps Memorial** Visit the larger than life representation of the iconic flagraising at Iwo Jima

#### Dinner at DC's Pentagon City Mall

**DC Cultural Event** See a performance at a renowned theater i.e., "An American Musical Landscape"



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

**Smithsonian Museum of American History Study Visit and Lunch** Discover the complexity and richness of our nation's history at this acclaimed museum

The National Mall

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**Depart for Home** 

Enhance your Close Up experience and spend an extra day in DC! Choose to visit MOUNT VERNON. George Washington's home in Virginia, or other iconic sites and exciting neighborhoods in the nation's capital with your school.

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