

# CLOSE UP MIDDLE SCHOOL PROGRAM

## Program for New Americans



### SUNDAY

#### 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.

### MONDAY

#### 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

### TUESDAY

#### Mock Congress Workshop & Simulation

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

#### Lunch at National Place

#### 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?

Close Up taught me how important it is to be a citizen!

- Chris, Student, CA

### WEDNESDAY

#### Arlington National Cemetery

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

#### Lunch

#### 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 flag-raising 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"

### THURSDAY

#### 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

#### Depart for Home

#### EXTEND YOUR STAY!

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.