

# CLOSE UP MIDDLE SCHOOL PROGRAM

## Washington, DC and New York City



### SUNDAY

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 Instructors

#### Understanding the Role of a Citizen Workshop\*

What actions can citizens  
take to participate in  
democracy?

### MONDAY

**Franklin Delano Roosevelt  
Memorial Study Visit\*\***  
Examine the impact individual  
action can have on the  
government

**Martin Luther King, Jr.  
Memorial Study Visit**  
Look at the effect civil rights  
movements can have on the  
country

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

**Thomas Jefferson Memorial  
Study Visit**  
What current issues do you  
think will have the greatest  
impact on your generation?

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

**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**  
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

**White House Study Visit**  
Discuss the role of the  
executive branch as you  
walk through the President's  
neighborhood

**Lunch at L'Enfant Plaza**

**Capitol Hill Study Visit**  
Walk the halls of Congress  
to get a first-hand look at  
how the legislative branch  
works

**Capitol Hill Group Photo**

**Dinner at Ronald Reagan  
Building and International  
Trade Center**

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

### WEDNESDAY

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

**Smithsonian Museum of  
Natural History Study Visit  
and Lunch**  
Explore the history and  
potential of the natural  
world through this collection  
of 145 million specimens and  
artifacts

**The National Mall**

**Depart for Home**

### THURSDAY

**Depart for New York City**  
**Lunch at a NYC Deli**

**American Natural History  
Museum Exploration**  
See several exhibits and  
contemplate how they tell  
the overall story of the  
museum

**Central Park Study Visit**  
Visit landmarks such as  
Strawberry Fields, Imagine  
Circle, and Belvedere Castle

**Dinner in Times Square**  
Enjoy dinner under the  
bright lights in this iconic  
New York destination

**Times Square Study Visit**  
Visit Broadway - 'The Great  
White Way' - in New York  
City's famous theater district

**Performance at a Broadway  
Theater**  
See a show and experience  
first-hand why New York City  
is considered the cultural  
capital of the nation

### FRIDAY

**Ferry Ride from Battery Park  
to Liberty Island**

**Statue of Liberty and  
Ellis Island**  
See the place where millions  
of immigrants entered the  
country and explore the  
history of US immigration  
policy

**Lunch**

**Financial District and 9/11  
Memorial Study Visits**  
Explore the Financial District  
and 9/11 Memorial

**Brooklyn Bridge Walk**  
Take in the breathtaking  
views of the city from this  
iconic bridge

**Dinner in Little Italy**

**Rockefeller Plaza**  
See 360 degrees of New York  
City from Top of the Rock

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

**Depart for Home**

### SATURDAY

\* 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.