

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*
Form a workshop community with other students, establish guidelines, identify goals, introduction to USET

Social Activity

SUNDAY

Federal Indian Policy Workshop
Analyze the impact of Federal Indian Policy and Native resistance

Thomas Jefferson Memorial Study Visit**
Examine Manifest Destiny and Indian Removal in Jefferson's work

White House Study Visit
Study the Indian Removal Act and the different perspectives of Native Nations

NMAI Study Visit
Identify how language, stories, and symbols influence Native history and current conditions

Franklin D. Roosevelt Memorial Study Visit
Discuss Allotment, Reorganization, and government involvement in Native affairs

Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Study Visit
How can techniques used by past socio-political movements apply to current Indian Country?

Dinner at Restaurant

Federal Government Structure Workshop
Discover the three branches of government and their roles in forming American Indian policy

Tribal Government Group Activity
Work with your Tribal Nation 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

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

Lunch at Hotel

Tribal Action Initiatives Activity
Work with peers from your tribe to create solutions to issues that affect your community and present them to your tribal leaders

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

USET Reception
Enjoy an evening with USET delegates after presenting the Tribal Action Initiatives

TUESDAY

Current Issues in Indian Country Workshop

Legislative Walking Workshop

Capitol Hill Day

Meeting with Senate Committee on Indian Affairs

Panel in Indian Affairs Committee Hearing

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**)

WEDNESDAY

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

Lunch at National Place

Sovereignty Statement Workshop
Collaborate with Workshop to create a statement about Tribal Sovereignty and its importance

Sovereignty Statement Presentation

Dinner at Union Station

Social Activity

THURSDAY

Breakfast with Tribal Leaders

USET Council Session
Present Sovereignty Statements and vote by USET delegation

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

Closing Reflection
How will you stay engaged on issues that matter to you?

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

CloseUp 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, NY

* 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.