

CLOSE UP MIDDLE SCHOOL PROGRAM - WASHINGTON, DC & WILLIAMSBURG



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

Workshop: Understanding the Role of a Citizen*
What actions can citizens take to participate in democracy?



MONDAY

Franklin Delano Roosevelt Memorial Study Visit**
Examine the impact individual actions 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 Exploration at the Smithsonian National Museum of American History
Discover history and culture at this world-renowned museum

Thomas Jefferson Memorial Study Visit
What current issues have the greatest impact on your generation?

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

Arlington National Cemetery
Visit this 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 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

Depart for Williamsburg, VA

Williamsburg Study Visit
Immerse yourself in Virginia's colonial history and learn about 18th-century life through explorations led by Williamsburg's Historical Interpreters

Lunch in Colonial Williamsburg

Historic Colonial Exploration

Walk in the footsteps of Thomas Jefferson, Patrick Henry, and George Wythe

Visit the Capitol—the seat of Colonial Virginia's power

Sit in the pews of **Bruton Parish Church** where George Washington worshipped

Discover the crafts of **Colonial America** with visits to trade shops like the apothecary and blacksmith

Dinner in Williamsburg

Depart for Washington, DC



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

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.



* 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.