

CLOSE UP MIDDLE SCHOOL PROGRAM - WASHINGTON, DC & 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

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 government

MLK Memorial Study Visit

Look at the effect civil rights
movements can have on the U.S.

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

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

Independent Time

Spend the afternoon
exploring other sites in
Washington, DC, with your
school, such as:

- U.S. Holocaust
- Memorial Museum
- Smithsonian National
- Air and Space Museum
- National Portrait
- Gallery

Dinner



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 NYC from
Top of the Rock

SATURDAY

Sightsee in the Big Apple

Prior to departure, spend time
in the city with your school

Depart for Home

* 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.