

# CLOSE UP MIDDLE SCHOOL PROGRAM - WASHINGTON, DC & PHILADELPHIA



## 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 Philadelphia, PA

### National Constitution Center

Take a journey through the Constitution in this interactive history museum

### Lunch at National Constitution Center

### Independence Park and Philadelphia's Historic District

Find yourself surrounded by American history

**Independence Hall:** Visit the birthplace of our nation

**Liberty Bell:** Visit the iconic symbol of American Independence

### Congress Hall

**President's House:** Discuss the irony of slavery during America's early years of independence

### Dinner in Philadelphia

### 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.