

# CLOSE UP MIDDLE SCHOOL - WASHINGTON, DC + MT VERNON



**Arrive in Washington, DC**  
Meet your Close Up concierge and explore the city 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?**

Sample schedule subject to change.

*\*Workshops are small learning communities made up 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.*

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**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 at L'Enfant Plaza**

**Thomas Jefferson Memorial Study Visit**

What **current issues** have the **greatest impact** on your generation?

**Arlington National Cemetery**

Visit this hallowed ground and witness the **Changing of the Guard**

**Dinner at Pentagon City Mall**

**Workshop: Characteristics of a Good Law**

Consider the challenges of **creating laws**

**Congressional Deliberation**

Examine pressing national issues and **deliberate on policy** options

**White House Study Visit**

Discuss the **role of the executive branch** as you walk through the president's neighborhood

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

**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**

**Smithsonian National Museum of American History**

Discover history and culture at this **world-renowned museum**

**Dinner at Nighthawk Pizza**

**Evening Monuments on the National Mall**

Visit the **WWII, Korean War, Vietnam, and Lincoln Memorials** as they illuminate the night sky

**Mt. Vernon Mansion and Estate**

Experience the home and grounds of **George Washington** to learn about life in Virginia when America was founded

**Mt. Vernon Museum and Education Center**

Learn about **our first president** and the impact he had on America during its founding and the early republic period

**Lunch**

**National Air and Space Museum Udvar-Hazy Center**

Consider the history of manned flight and space exploration by seeing the **space shuttle Discovery** and the **Enola Gay**

**U.S. Marine Corps Memorial**

Visit the larger-than-life statue of the **iconic flag-raising at Iwo Jima**

**Dinner**

**Air Force Memorial**

Honor those who have served in the **Air Force** and get a breathtaking view of the city

**Workshop: Citizenship Send-Off**

Set goals and identify ways in which **you can be more active and involved** in your community

**Smithsonian Museum of Natural History and Lunch**

Reconvene with your school group and teacher to explore the history of the natural world through this **collection of 145 million specimens**

**Explore the National Mall**

Prior to your departure, **spend some time on the National Mall** with your school

**Depart for Home**

“  
Close Up was one of the best experiences ever! I loved everything and I will never forget this trip.  
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- MICHELLE, STUDENT, TX