

# CLOSE UP MIDDLE SCHOOL PROGRAM

## Election Week



### 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

#### Essentials of Democracy Workshop\*

How does the government impact your life?

\* 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.

### MONDAY

#### Thomas Jefferson & Franklin Delano Roosevelt Memorial Study Visits\*

Learn about two of America's most influential presidents and decide which rights are most important to you

#### Lunch at Reagan Building and International Trade Center

#### WWII Memorial Study Visit

Learn how everyday citizens supported the war effort

#### MLK Memorial Study Visit

How can an ordinary citizen accomplish extraordinary things?

#### Arlington National Cemetery

Visit our nation's most hallowed ground and witness the Changing of the Guard

#### Dinner at Pentagon City Mall

#### Characteristics of a Good Law Workshop

Prepare for Capitol Hill by learning how laws are made

### TUESDAY

#### Explore the U.S. Capitol Visitor Center and Museum

An inside look at how Congress works

#### Capitol Hill Group Photo

#### Smithsonian American History Museum and Lunch

#### Monuments on the National Mall

Discover the meaning behind the Korean, Vietnam, and Lincoln Memorials

#### Dinner

#### Mock Presidential Election

Discuss the role of the executive branch and elect a president for the program while mid-term results are revealed in real-time!

Close Up 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, AK

### WEDNESDAY

#### Depart for Philadelphia, PA

#### Visit the National Constitution Center

Take a journey through the Constitution in this interactive history museum

#### Lunch at National Constitution Center

#### Explore Independence Park and Philadelphia's Historic District

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

#### Liberty Bell

#### Congress Hall

#### Washington Square and Tomb of the Unknowns

**President's House:** Visit the grounds of the first executive mansion

#### 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

#### White House Photo Op

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

#### Smithsonian Air & Space Museum Study Visit and Lunch

Launch into another stratosphere as you explore the history and science of aviation and spaceflight at this Smithsonian favorite

#### 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.