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WASHINGTON DC
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EMPOWER.



MIDDLE SCHOOL WASHINGTON PROGRAMS



WHY VISIT DC?

- All **THREE BRANCHES OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT** are based in DC, the center of American politics.
- **ARLINGTON CEMETERY** is the largest burial ground in the U.S. and is home to President Kennedy's gravesite and the Tomb of the Unknowns.
- Five universities in DC – **AMERICAN, GEORGE WASHINGTON, GEORGETOWN, HOWARD, and GALLAUDET** – ranked in the top 100 best colleges by *US News and World Report*.
- DC hosts over **170 EMBASSIES** and international culture centers.
- The **SMITHSONIAN'S NATIONAL AIR & SPACE MUSEUM** in DC is the most popular museum in the world!
- The city is home to the **U.S. CONSTITUTION, the BILL OF RIGHTS, and the STAR-SPANGLED BANNER.**
- The world's largest library – **LIBRARY OF CONGRESS** – can be found in Washington.

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*“Close Up is a **PHENOMENAL PROGRAM** that offers the **EXPERIENCE OF A LIFETIME** for all types of students!”*

- Bobbi, Teacher, MN

WHY CLOSE UP DC? OUR MISSION

Close Up's programs are a perfect mix of travel, learning, and fun!

- INSTRUCTION:** We use trained Program Instructors, not contracted tour guides, to provide fun and rewarding experiences. Students learn valuable lessons that complement history and government classes while creating lasting memories.
- EXPERIENCE:** Since 1971, over 800,000 students and teachers have participated in our one-of-a-kind programs.
- IMPACT:** Our proven curriculum and teaching methods will educate and inspire your students. Our programs are aligned with each state's social studies standards and Common Core.
- TRAVEL:** We use major U.S. airlines, Amtrak, or privately chartered motorcoaches for your travel.
- HOTELS:** We use national hotel chains such as Marriott, Sheraton, Hilton, and Holiday Inn. Our hotels are in safe and vibrant neighborhoods close to the Metro.
- MEALS:** Beginning with dinner on your arrival day, we provide students with three meals per day.
- LIABILITY:** We have a \$26,000,000 policy to protect you and your school. We provide secondary health insurance and specialized access to Georgetown Medical Center.
- SAFETY:** Your safety is our #1 priority – from the time you travel here until you arrive home. We provide full supervision including night monitors at each hotel.
- CUSTOMIZE:** Each year, we customize dozens of educational experiences for schools across the country. Our staff will work with you to develop a program that meets your educational needs.

Established in 1971, Close Up is a non-profit that educates, inspires, and empowers young people to be effective participants in our democracy.

Our participants come from all 50 states, U.S. territories, Puerto Rico, and numerous countries around the world. More than 94% of alumni say that Close Up helped them better understand their roles as citizens.

We work closely with teachers, administrators, parents, and students nationwide, as well as with long-standing partners and funders such as the U.S. Congress, the Department of Education, the Department of Interior, the Freedom Forum, C-SPAN, the Center on Congress, and Bank of America. We are also approved by the National Association of Secondary School Principals.

Additionally, we fulfill our mission through classroom teaching tools. The most notable of which is *Current Issues*, in its 38th edition, which is relied on by teachers nationwide to stimulate classroom debate on key policy issues. For over 35 years, we have also produced hundreds of TV shows on C-SPAN that feature Close Up students dialoguing with U.S. Presidents, lawmakers, and the media.



CLOSE UP WASHINGTON SAMPLE SCHEDULE

DAY ONE

ARRIVE IN WASHINGTON, DC
Meet your Close Up Concierge and explore DC with your school



WELCOME DINNER

GROUP ORIENTATION
Meet your peers from around the country with whom you will explore DC and make lasting memories

ESSENTIALS OF DEMOCRACY WORKSHOP*
Explore the role that government plays in your life and in your community



MEET AND GREET SOCIAL ACTIVITY

DAY TWO

HOT BREAKFAST BUFFET
FDR AND JEFFERSON MEMORIAL STUDY VISITS
Discuss the proper size of government and learn about America's most influential presidents

LUNCH IN DOWNTOWN DC
EXPLORE THE U.S. CAPITOL VISITOR CENTER AND MUSEUM
An inside look at how Congress works



VISIT THE SUPREME COURT AND LIBRARY OF CONGRESS

KOREAN WAR, VIETNAM WAR, AND LINCOLN MEMORIAL STUDY VISITS
Examine major crises in American history

DINNER AT PENTAGON CITY

MOCK CONGRESS WORKSHOP
Take on the roles of committee chairs, lobbyists, and Members as you debate current legislation

SOCIAL ACTIVITY

DAY THREE

HOT BREAKFAST BUFFET
WWII MEMORIAL STUDY VISIT
Learn how the everyday citizen made a difference



MLK MEMORIAL STUDY VISIT
Discuss how an extraordinary citizen impacted government

SMITHSONIAN AIR AND SPACE MUSEUM STUDY VISIT AND LUNCH
Explore their newest exhibit - 'Drones, Wars and Video Games'

WHITE HOUSE PHOTO-OP

ARLINGTON NATIONAL CEMETERY
Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, JFK and Challenger Memorials

DINNER AT UNION STATION

DC'S SIGNATURE NIGHT MONUMENT TOUR
See DC's magical landscape at night including the U.S. Marine Corps, Air Force, and 9/11 Pentagon Memorials

EXAMINING CITIZENSHIP WORKSHOP
Evaluate different models of citizenship and consider how citizens can solve problems

DAY FOUR

HOT BREAKFAST BUFFET
CITIZENSHIP SEND-OFF WORKSHOP
Reflect on what you have learned and identify ways in which you can be more active and involved in your community



NATIONAL ARCHIVES STUDY VISIT
Explore American history through our nation's documents, photos, and records including:

- Declaration of Independence
- U.S. Constitution
- Bill of Rights

SMITHSONIAN AMERICAN HISTORY MUSEUM EXPLORATION AND LUNCH
Visit the Star-Spangled Banner: The flag that inspired the National Anthem

THE NATIONAL MALL DEPART FOR HOME

ADD ONE DAY IN WILLIAMSBURG

HOT BREAKFAST BUFFET



GOVERNOR'S PALACE
Explore the site that became the home to Thomas Jefferson, Patrick Henry, and seven royal governors

TAVERN LUNCH
Dine in one of Williamsburg's rustic 18th-century taverns

COLONIAL WILLIAMSBURG STUDY VISIT
Explore colonial Virginia from 1699-1775 led by Williamsburg's historical interpreters

EXPERIENCE 18TH-CENTURY LIFE:

- 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

ADD ONE DAY IN PHILADELPHIA

HOT BREAKFAST BUFFET
VISIT THE NATIONAL CONSTITUTION CENTER
America's most interactive history museum

EXPLORE INDEPENDENCE PARK
Find yourself surrounded by American history



HISTORIC DISTRICT WALKING WORKSHOP AND LUNCH:

- Independence Hall: Visit the birthplace of our nation
- Printing office: See an example of 18th-century printing at Benjamin Franklin's office
- Liberty Bell
- Congress Hall

PRESIDENT'S HOUSE
Explore the home of Washington and Adams, built in 1790

WASHINGTON SQUARE AND TOMB OF THE UNKNOWN

ADD ONE DAY IN GETTYSBURG

HOT BREAKFAST BUFFET
GETTYSBURG CYCLORAMA
A dramatic sound and light program of the famous 1880's oil painting that's as tall as a four-story building

GETTYSBURG MUSEUM OF THE CIVIL WAR STUDY VISIT AND LUNCH
Explore this interactive exhibit featuring relics from the Battle of Gettysburg

LINCOLN'S GETTYSBURG ADDRESS SITE
Reflect on the importance of one of America's great speeches

HISTORIC BATTLEFIELD TOUR
Walk the battlefield with a Gettysburg park ranger



** Workshops and seminars help students make personal connections to the roles that they, as ordinary citizens, play in the U.S. democracy.*

** 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.

PROGRAM OPTIONS

WASHINGTON, DC & NEW YORK

See two of the world's most exciting destinations. Not only do you get to experience Close Up's Middle School Program, but you will add 2 days in New York City exploring the Big Apple and attending a Broadway show!

CUSTOMIZE YOUR PROGRAM

Our curriculum experts are happy to design a program that is tailored to meet your school's needs and complement classroom learning. Customizing your program provides flexibility to vary dates, length, activities, and themes.

FOUNDING OF A NATION

This new and exciting summer program will put you in the center of the action in many of our country's great historic sites – Williamsburg, Alexandria, Mt. Vernon, Gettysburg, and Philadelphia! Students will learn and explore the principles of the Constitution and focus on the founders of our nation.

EXTEND YOUR STAY

You can opt to include tickets to the **NEWSEUM** – DC's most interactive museum of news history – or a visit to **MT. VERNON** – George Washington's home in Virginia – to any of our extra day packages.



TEACHERS

Bring your classroom to life!

At Close Up, we provide educational value and complement what you do in your classroom. Your students are not here to simply sightsee, and you are not here to simply chaperone. Our curriculum is aligned with Common Core and state standards for social studies, history, and civics. Our outstanding faculty of Program Instructors conduct fascinating workshops and discussions between students and their peers. We bring students face-to-face with the people and places that have shaped our nation. As a result, young people not only get to witness Washington, DC, close up, but they will return home inspired to play an informed and active role in your community and, in turn, make the country a better place to live.

While students explore DC with our instructors, you have the option of participating in our professional development program options led by our Teacher Program Specialists. The Teacher Program draws on the expertise of our many partner institutions, which provide outstanding speakers, resources and simulations designed to give teachers like you your very own Close Up experience. You will return home with new insights on current issues and tools to improve and enhance your lesson plans.

PARTNERS

Smithsonian Institute • National Archives • U.S. Federal Courts • United States Institute for Peace American University • U.S. Department of Education • U.S. Department of Interior • Georgetown University Medical Center The U.S. Congress Center on Congress • Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund • U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum • Raise.me National Constitution Center • National Congress of the American Indian • National Museum of Crime & Punishment White House Historical Association • National Indian Education Association • United South and Eastern Tribes • Mt. Vernon President Lincoln's Cottage • Embassies of Washington • First Amendment Center • Harper's Ferry Historic Park • Gettysburg National Battlefield • U.S. State Department • Library of Congress • Newseum • Woodrow Wilson Center

PARENTS

Give your child a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity!

Close Up is a non-profit educational organization, which means we work hard to offer an incredible program at the best possible value. We know that where you put every penny counts. The Close Up program is an investment in your child's future and the future of our nation. Our program's sole purpose is to provide your child with the chance to experience our government in action and encourage them to return home and participate in their community.

Our programs are a great value and our all-inclusive cost includes:*

- Three meals per day;
- All entrances fees and gratuities;
- Secondary health and liability insurance coverage;
- Quality hotel accommodations and a concierge;
- 24-hour supervision, including hotel night monitors;
- All logistics, planning, and travel arrangements;
- Coach bus transportation around the city;
- Enriching educational materials;
- Top-notch instruction from trained educators;
- Group photo, certificate, and Close Up souvenirs;
- A dedicated representative for your school; and
- Specialized access to Georgetown Medical Center.

All Close Up activities are designed with your student's safety in mind, and our unsurpassed record demonstrates that your child's safety and security is our top priority.

**You may elect to purchase your own travel arrangements separately from Close Up's travel package.*

STUDENTS

Have fun exploring Washington, DC!

Your time here will be jam-packed with exciting activities – visiting the city's famous sites like the U.S. Capitol, Smithsonian Museums, Lincoln Memorial, National Archives, World War II Memorial, Vietnam Veteran's War Memorial, Library of Congress, Supreme Court, and Arlington Cemetery – and the best part is you'll be doing this with students from your school and across the nation! You'll have a Close Up instructor leading you through each historical site; helping connect what you see in Washington to what you've learned at school. When your week is over, you will have had a blast exploring everything that Washington, DC, has to offer! You'll return home with memories to last a lifetime and new friends from around the country or maybe even around the world!

You will...

- See DC's famous monuments and memorials close up;
- Discuss current issues and how they relate to American history;
- Hear student views from your peers who live in different states;
- Make new friends from around the nation;
- Witness democracy in action in the halls of Congress;
- Visit the world-renowned Smithsonian Museums;
- Capture awe-inspiring views of DC's famous landmarks at night;
- Discover DC's vibrant neighborhoods and so much more!

*"I just got back from Close Up, and it's **ALL WE TALK ABOUT** at school. It was one of the **BEST WEEKS OF MY LIFE**, and I just wish it had been longer!"*

- Laura, Student, CA



NEXT STEPS

- TEACHERS:** Contact your Close Up Representative at 800-CLOSE UP, or email us at info@closeup.org, for more information on these exciting options and how to enroll your school.
 - PARENTS:** To enroll your child in a Close Up program, simply contact your school's Close Up teacher. If your school does not have a Close Up teacher, contact us or refer a teacher today.
 - STUDENTS:** Talk to your Close Up teacher today and get your Close Up Participant ID and Password to enroll in this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity! Whether you attend Close Up with your school or on your own, you will make lots of new friends as you live, learn, and interact with other students from across the U.S. and the world.
- Contact us at **800-256-7387**, info@closeup.org, or visit us online at www.CloseUp.org for more information.

Each year, through our Washington, DC-based programs and our publications, Close Up helps more than one million students and teachers in 15,000 schools nationwide develop the skills needed to begin a lifetime of active citizenship. Please visit our website to learn more about Close Up and all of our experiential programs and resources, including:

CLOSE UP HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAMS — a one-of-a-kind opportunity for high school students to experience their government in action and consider what role they, as students, play in our democracy;

CLOSE UP NEW AMERICANS PROGRAMS — this unique program provides recently immigrated and migrant students with the knowledge and confidence they need to become informed and active citizens;

CLOSE UP CUSTOM PROGRAMS — design your very own program to complement your curriculum through hands-on explorations of Washington, DC; and

CLOSE UP'S CURRENT ISSUES TEXTBOOK — stimulate classroom discussions and debates about key policy issues the U.S. faces today!

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CLOSE UP'S ONE-OF-A-KIND PROGRAM OPTIONS