



WASHINGTON, D.C. & COLONIAL WILLIAMSBURG 2025

WITH CLOSE-UP FOUNDATION

FOR BOLLES STUDENTS IN
GRADES 7 & 8

Travel Dates
MARCH 9-13, 2025

Cost
Approximately \$1,980

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**APPLICATIONS AND DEPOSITS
DUE OCTOBER 11, 2024**

**FINAL PAYMENT
DUE DECEMBER 2024**



CLOSE-UP FOUNDATIONS CIVICS AND CIVIL DISCOURSE

Travel to Washington, D.C. and Colonial Williamsburg to take part in The Close-Up Foundations civics and civil discourse program. Close Up is a non-profit, non-partisan education organization with over 50 years of experience. Their goal is to inform, inspire and empower young people to become active and engaged citizens and to develop the skills and attitudes necessary to become leaders in their schools and communities. Each week in the Spring, Close-Up brings together students from across the country to experience the nation's capital as a living classroom, using the sites and monuments as the foundation for student workshops, discussions and curriculum. On Wednesday, we'll spend the day in Williamsburg to immerse students in the life of a colonial city.

For more information, visit
Bolles.org/global-learning-and-engagement/travel-programs

CLOSE UP MIDDLE SCHOOL - WASHINGTON, DC + WILLIAMSBURG



SUNDAY

Arrive in Washington

Meet your Close Up concierge and explore the city with your school

Welcome Dinner

Group Orientation

Meet students from across the country who 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.*

CST-1002082-40: Registration as a seller of travel does not constitute approval by the State of California.



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 at L'Enfant Plaza

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

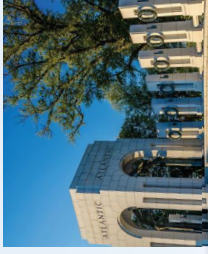
Arlington National Cemetery

Visit this hallowed ground and witness the Changing of the Guard

Dinner at Pentagon City Mall

Workshop: Community Citizenship Skills

Consider the challenges of creating laws



TUESDAY

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

Explore history and culture at this world-renowned museum

Dinner at Hard Rock Café

Evening Monuments on the National Mall

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



WEDNESDAY

Depart for Williamsburg, VA

Williamsburg Study Visit

Immerse yourself in Virginia's colonial history and learn about 18th-century life through explorations led by Williamsburg's Historical Interpreters

Lunch in Colonial Williamsburg

Historical Colonial Exploration

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

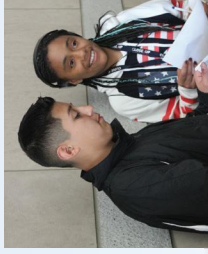
where George Washington worshipped

Discover the crafts of Colonial America with visits to trade shops like the apothecary and blacksmith

Dinner in Williamsburg

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Depart for Washington, DC



THURSDAY

Workshop: Citizenship Send-Off
Set goals and identify ways in which you can be more active and involved in your community

Smithsonian National 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

“ Close Up was the greatest experience of my life! I will never forget the amazing time and the wonderful people I met!”

— Andrew, Student, Oregon

WASHINGTON DC & COLONIAL WILLIAMSBURG

Travel Dates: Sunday 3/9/25-Thursday 3/13/25

Trip Cost: \$1980

Please contact Allison Chandler chandlera@bolles.org with any questions



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Date Received: _____

Signatures: _____

Forms: _____

Paragraph: _____

Payment: _____

M/F _____

GL _____

Student Information (include information as it would appear on plane ticket)

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____ Middle Initial: _____

Date of Birth (Month/Day/Year): _____

Current Grade Level: _____

Street Address: _____ City/State/Zip: _____

Student Email: _____

Parental/Guardian Information (Please circle preferred point of contact)

Name: _____

Name: _____

Email Address: _____

Email Address: _____

Travel Experience

Please list any previous travel experience(s)

Personality Please check the boxes below that best match your personality

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Outgoing | <input type="checkbox"/> Friendly | <input type="checkbox"/> Conservative | <input type="checkbox"/> Talkative |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Shy | <input type="checkbox"/> Flexible | <input type="checkbox"/> Humorous | <input type="checkbox"/> Responsible |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Studious | <input type="checkbox"/> Self-Confident | <input type="checkbox"/> Spontaneous | <input type="checkbox"/> Feels for Others |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Organized | <input type="checkbox"/> Curious | <input type="checkbox"/> Sensitive | <input type="checkbox"/> Makes Friends Easily |

Please Feel Free to add
2 More Personality Traits

Do you have any allergies (animal, medication, food, smoke, etc.) or dietary restrictions? If yes, please explain:

Custom Travel Program Acknowledgement Form

Dear Bolles Parents and Guardians, Your child is applying to participate in a unique program that has been specifically designed by Close Up Foundation to Washington DC and Colonial Williamsburg. In order to activate your travel application you must submit the following to Gabi Fudge, the lead chaperone: the application, a non-refundable deposit of \$50 (which will be returned if student is not selected), and the student paragraph. Parents and students, please carefully read the policies below and sign and date the form below acknowledging that you fully understand all the policies mentioned on this form and in the travel application.

The Application Process When we process applications, we consider (among other things) interest shown in the subject related to the program and feedback from faculty and advisors. Furthermore, to be eligible for Bolles travel experiences, applicants must not have any major disciplinary infractions in the calendar year before travel. Violations of School policy to the one-year mark will be handled on a case-by-case basis. The list of finalists selected will be sent to the Dean's Office a second time for clearance one month prior to travel. Should you have any questions about the selection process please feel free to contact Allison Chandler.

***Please note that if a student is not accepted into the program, your travel deposit will be refunded.**

Cost of the Trip The Washington DC & Colonial Williamsburg program fee of \$1980 is based on factors such as group size, itinerary, travel dates and flight arrangements.

Payment I understand that the price for this custom program is based on group size, itinerary, travel dates and flight arrangements. I acknowledge that if I cancel my child's participation, my \$50 deposit is non-refundable and that additional cancellation charges may apply based on the date of my cancellation. I understand that the airline will determine the refund policy for the airline ticket, and that there may be additional costs that are non-refundable depending upon the size of the group and the date of the cancellation. I understand that no refunds can be made for cancellations postmarked later than 12/11/24. The deposit is paid via check to The Bolles School. The remaining payments are made online to Close Up Foundation.

**Travel deviations are not permitted for this program.

**I understand that a 10% late fee will be added to all payments not received in accordance with the dates listed below.

October 11

\$50 Deposit

October 28

\$500 (After acceptance)

December 11

Final payment Due

Refund Policy Because of the special nature of a custom program and the importance of maintaining the group size, cancellation fees may apply. The airline will determine the refund policy for the airline ticket, and any additional fees may not be refundable depending on the group size. In the unfortunate case that a student should need to withdraw from the program at any time, a letter of cancellation must be given to Allison Chandler.

Participation I am aware of, and approve of, my son/daughter/ward's decision to apply for participation in the Washington DC & Colonial Williamsburg Program. I am aware that his/her participation in this program is contingent upon acceptance into the program according to the established selection process. My child is also aware that his or her participation in this program is contingent upon acceptance into the program according to the established selection process.

Please sign and date below to acknowledge that you fully understand all policies above.

Student Signature: _____

Date: _____

Parent Signature: _____

Date: _____

Application and registration deposit are all due to Gabi Fudge by October 11.