



KYRENE & PUEBLO MIDDLE SCHOOLS

April 25th – April 29th, 2027

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CLOSE UP: WHO WE ARE

- Close Up is the nation's **premier nonprofit, nonpartisan civic education** organization.
- Our mission is to **inform, inspire, and empower** young people to become active citizens.
- Our programming is open and available to **all students**.
- We have over **one million alumni** in all 50 states and U.S. territories.



Endorsed by:

- National Association of Secondary School Principals
- National Middle School Association
- Campaign for the Civic Mission of Schools
- National Council for the Social Studies
- Student & Youth Travel Association

OUR GUIDING PRINCIPLES

- **Experiential Curriculum:** Our instructors use D.C. as a living classroom, to engage students with the people, institutions, and landmarks that represent our country and to build connections between the past and future.
- **Issue-Centered Education:** We help students build the skills of effective citizenship by presenting them with real-world issues to discuss and deliberate.
- **Multiple Perspectives:** We are committed to serving students from all backgrounds and viewpoints so participants can learn with and from each other.
- **Nonpartisanship:** We do not tell students what to think; we give them the skills to critically analyze policy issues for themselves.



Close Up made me realize how significant my thoughts and views are.

– Christie, TX, Student

CLOSE UP
WASHINGTON DC

MIDDLE SCHOOL PROGRAM



CLOSE UP VIDEO



TESTIMONIALS

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ANDREW STUDENT, MT

“Every kid should get the chance to participate in Close Up, and I wish they could.”

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EDGAR TEACHER, FL

“I speak from experience, as I have seen the tremendous impact that this program has had in educating students from all parts of the world and from all walks of life. ... This is the best program I have experienced bar none.”

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CLENT TEACHER, CA

“My biggest highlight has been seeing my students blossom.”



**Scan for more
testimonials and
reviews!**

SUPERVISION AND SECURITY

01

Night monitors are stationed at the hotel, in every student hallway throughout the night.

02

College-educated program instructors are with students at all times when exploring sites. They receive 120+ hours of training, are certified in CPR and First Aid, and have undergone criminal background checks.

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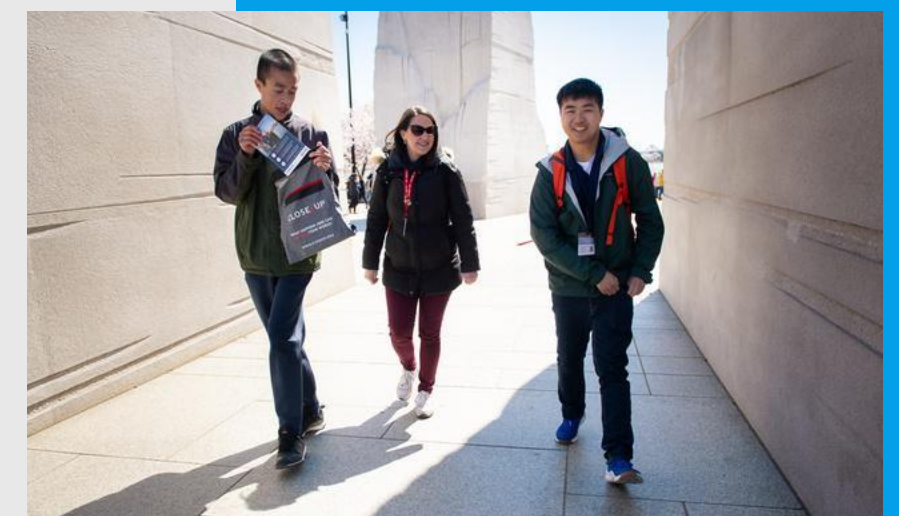
The program schedule includes detailed information for each site, lodging, and time of events.

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Close Up nametags, worn throughout the program, include a 24/7 emergency hotline.

05

Close Up has an exclusive partnership with Georgetown University Children's Medical Center (GUCMC) and an onsite program assistant to help when students are ill.



PROGRAM DETAILS

Dates: April 25th – April 29th

Washington, D.C. & Philadelphia

Details:

- Interactive focus on current issues, government, history, and active citizenship
- Opportunity to meet and interact with students from around the country
- Students are split into diverse workshops of 20-25 participants
- We explore all that D.C. & Philadelphia have to offer

Student Rooming:

- Students are housed in national brand, chain hotels
- Students are roomed 4 per room by gender

Transportation:

- If the group is booking travel through Close Up, we include airport transfer to and from the three D.C. area airports
- Airlines: American, Delta, United, Southwest, Alaska, JetBlue

CLOSE UP MIDDLE SCHOOL - WASHINGTON, D.C. + PHILADELPHIA



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 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 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: Characteristics of a Good Law

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 illuminated WWII, Korean War Veterans, Vietnam Veterans, and Lincoln Memorials



Wednesday

Depart for Philadelphia, Pa.

National Constitution Center

Take a journey through the Constitution in this interactive history museum

Lunch at Philly Gourmet Steaks

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

Franklin Court: Consider why the Founding Fathers thought a free press was so important

Dinner in Philadelphia

Depart for Washington, D.C.



Thursday

Workshop: Citizenship Send-Off

Set goals and identify ways to 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

Sample schedule subject to change.

**Student tuition includes all meals beginning with dinner on arrival day and ending with lunch on departure day.*

***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.*

PROGRAM COST

All-Inclusive Cost: \$ 2,440

- Tuition includes all program logistics and planning, airfare, bus transfers on arrival and departure day, hotel accommodations, meals (dinner on arrival day through lunch on departure day), in-town transportation via charter bus, coach bus transportation to Philadelphia, instruction, academic program materials, admission fees, tips/gratuities, night monitors at the hotel, a group photo, and a Close Up backpack

\$500 Deposit Payment Due: 11/6/26 (Nonrefundable, Nontransferable)

Final Payment Due: 1/14/2027

Cancellation Policy

- Deposit payment is nonrefundable and nontransferable
- All payments are nonrefundable after 1/14/2027, as Close Up payments to vendors are locked in to secure space

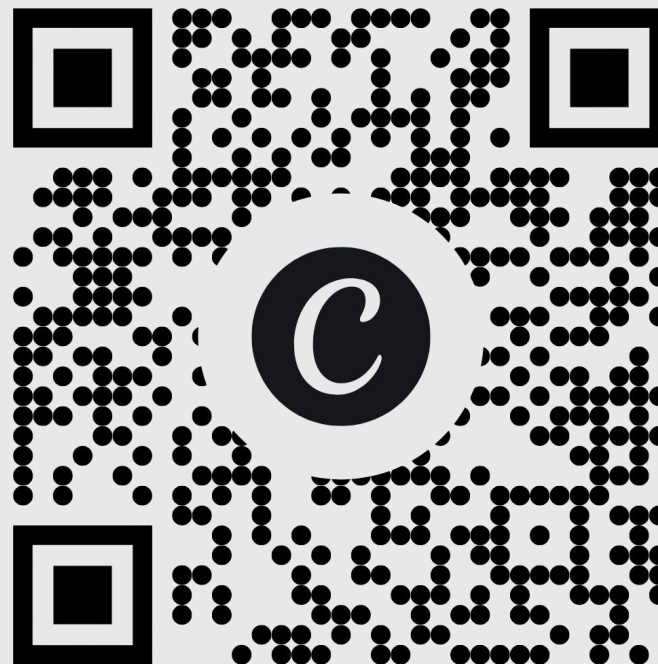
Travel insurance is optional but STRONGLY encouraged.

NEXT STEPS

Complete the application by October 11th

Go to <https://bit.ly/4zqOpij>

Or scan the QR code below



All applicants will be notified by EOD October 16th

Dates to note:

Financial aid
applications due:
10/11

Application decisions
reported: 10/16

Financial aid decisions
reported: 10/30

Non-refundable
deposit due: 11/6

Enrollment due: 11/16

Final payment due:
1/14

QUESTIONS



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