Close Up: History and Mission

• Non-profit, non-partisan civic education organization founded in 1971.

• Over 1 million student and teacher alums.

• **Mission:** To inform, inspire, and empower young people to exercise the rights and accept the responsibilities of citizens in a democracy.
Overall Program Curriculum

Central Question: What can we learn from history to become better citizens today?

Close Up:

• Uses DC as a living classroom to explore our democracy
• Operates on a small-group model (1 program instructor per 20-25 students)
• Encourages students to learn and deliberate with their peers through civil discourse
• Gets students thinking about important foundational questions like “What is the proper size and scope of government?”
## Oak Park SD #97: Brooks Middle School Sample Schedule: March 16-19, 2024

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<td>Arrival &amp; Registration at Hotel</td>
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<td><strong>Lunch and Orientation</strong></td>
<td>Arlington National Cemetery: Visit our nation’s most hallowed ground and discuss different types of service</td>
<td>Congressional Deliberation: Develop an understanding of a current issue, and discuss different policies that have been proposed to address it</td>
<td>Closing Workshop: Reflect on the program and develop an agenda for continued engagement</td>
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<td><strong>Opening Workshop:</strong> Meet your program instructor and prepare to engage in the policy issues that matter to you</td>
<td>White House &amp; Black Lives Matter Plaza Study Visit: Debate what restrictions, if any, are reasonable on freedom of speech</td>
<td>Capitol Hill Visit: Explore the home of the federal government and meet with your members of Congress or their staff</td>
<td><strong>Community Action Seminar:</strong> Meet with a representative from an advocacy organization, and learn how they are taking action</td>
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<td>Franklin Delano Roosevelt Memorial: Examine how individuals throughout history have become change-makers</td>
<td>Chinatown Neighborhood Exploration &amp; Lunch: Explore one of DC’s historic communities and have lunch</td>
<td>Lunch at the Capitol Visitor Center</td>
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<td><strong>Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial:</strong> Discuss types of citizen action you could take to influence the government</td>
<td>National Museum of African American History and Culture: Discuss the African American story and how African Americans shaped our nation’s history?</td>
<td>United States Holocaust Memorial Museum Study Visit: Consider individual actions and responsibilities during a time of crisis</td>
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<td><strong>Jefferson Memorial:</strong> Discuss how to take action on the issues you care about</td>
<td><strong>National Museum of Natural History Visit</strong></td>
<td><strong>Dinner &amp; Bowling</strong></td>
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<td>U.S. Marine Corps Memorial Visit</td>
<td>War Memorials at Night: Discuss how the World War II, Lincoln, Vietnam, and Korean memorials connect the past to the present and shape public memory</td>
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Supervision and Security

• 24/7 supervision including a Program Leader, Program Instructors and Night Monitors on each hotel hallway throughout the night (10 PM – 6 AM)

• Program Instructors have 120+ hours of training, certified in CPR/First Aid, and have undergone criminal background checks.

• Students wear Close Up nametags with an emergency hotline number that is staffed 24/7

• Partnership with Georgetown Medical Center
Price and What’s Included

Total price is $1713, which includes:

- Round-trip airfare to-and-from DC
- Private coach bus transportation to and from all program activities around Washington, DC;
- Hotel accommodations (4 students per room)
- Three meals per day starting with lunch on Saturday and ending with lunch on Tuesday
- Academic materials and instruction
- 24-hour supervision including night monitors
- All admission fees, tips and gratuities
- Specialized access to Georgetown University Medical Center
- Close Up backpack, water bottle, and guidebook
What Is NOT Included in Tuition?

• **Travel Insurance**
  - Travel insurance is optional but **STRONGLY encouraged**.

• **Spending Money**
  - Extra money for souvenirs, snacks at the airport, etc. is not included. We recommend approximately $50-$100.

• **Travel to the Airport & Checked Baggage Fees**
  - Families will be responsible for drop off and pick up at the airport in Chicago. Depending on the airline, there may be an additional fee for checked bags.
Important Dates/Deadlines

Trip Dates: Saturday, March 16 – Tuesday, March 19, 2024

Important Deadlines:
- **$500 Non-Refundable Deposit Due:** October 17, 2023
- **Final Payment Due:** January 11, 2024
- **100% Cancellation Fee Deadline**: January 11, 2024

*All payments are non-refundable and non-transferable after January 11, 2024. Should you request a refund prior to January 11, Close Up will refund any amount paid over the $500 non-refundable deposit. All requests should go directly to Close Up.*
Student Registration Information

Each family will receive an email from your school with a registration link and enroll code to complete the required enrollment form and access program information through our website (www.closeup.org).

Once you receive the enrollment details, follow the directions below:

• **Step 1:** Go to https://www.closeup.org/enroll-by-code/
• **Step 2:** Enter the enrollment code below and press 'Submit'.
  - **42363**
• **Step 3:** Complete the registration and wait for your confirmation email. Please check spam/junk folders.
• **Step 4:** Follow the prompts to complete the enrollment information and make payments.

If you have any questions, please contact your trip coordinator.
Chaperones for DC

• Faculty from the school will receive preference

• After deposits are due (10/17) and we know how many students are participating, we will assess how many parent volunteers are needed to chaperone the trip
What are my next steps?

- Complete a student interest form by 9/27/2023
- Complete Close Up Enrollment Form & Liability Waiver by 10/17/23
- $500 Non-refundable deposit due 10/17/23
Follow Up Questions?

• Close Up Representative:
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• Brooks Middle School:
  Lead: Dr. Denise Gildon dgildon@op97.org
  Co-Lead: Minerva Colbert mcolbert@op97.org

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