

CLOSE UP: A BIRTH OF A NATION

MT. VERNON, WILLIAMSBURG, JAMESTOWN, GETTYSBURG & PHILADELPHIA

Junior High Program—This program helps students learn and explore the “Principles of the Constitution”

Program Details

Cost: \$1,623 per student. Includes — round-trip airfare from Houston, ground transportation on the program, Close Up-trained instructional staff, hotel accommodations, 3 meals a day, all admission fees, night security & all tips and gratuities.

Dates: June 13th — June 17th

Travel: The program will NOT be in Washington, DC, but students and teachers will fly into a Washington area airport and only visit Mt. Vernon in the Washington area. Groups will depart home from Philadelphia.

Program Focus: The program will focus on the founders of our nations, the struggles to form colonies and a union, and will include elements of our struggles to keep the union alive during the Civil War.

Scholarships: Close Up receives scholarship funds from the United States Congress that are available to help students/families of established financial need with a percentage of the trip’s cost.

Supervision: All students will be supervised by trained, professional Close Up staffers during all activities. The teachers will assist with plane travel and a few of the activities during the trip.

Participation: The trip is specifically for Katy ISD 7th-graders (going into 8th grade).

Teachers: One teacher/adult trip will be free for every 10 students.

Our Instruction

- An integrated curriculum designed to complement your classroom
- A supportive environment where every student is encouraged to learn & participate
- Structured learning activities at all key historical sites

Ease & Convenience

- Online planning tools & FAQs make it easy for you to register, enroll students and keep track of your trip
- Students get all meals, including lunches
- 24-7 supervision, including added security at night
- Secondary medical insurance for all participants

Our Friendly Staff

- Your own rep dedicated to making your trip fun & easy
- Your own transportation team who will arrange your travel
- A team of curriculum experts who design our programs to be relevant & impactful
- A Program Leader and team of Program Instructors who will lead your students’ program
- A team of Teacher Program Specialists to lead your participation on our Teacher Program

What is Close Up

- Nonprofit, nonpartisan organization that has worked with more than 700,000 students and teachers nationwide since 1971
- Katy ISD High Schools have participated on Close Up Washington, DC, programs since 1985

Sample Student Schedule

SUNDAY

Fly to DC
Go straight to Williamsburg
Dinner, Orientation & Workshop in Williamsburg

MONDAY

Colonial Williamsburg
Jamestown Settlement
Drive to Old Town, Alexandria
Dinner & Exploration in Old Town
Workshop

TUESDAY

Visit Mt. Vernon (Home of George Washington)
Explore Gettysburg Battlefield
Drive to Philadelphia
Workshop
(Lunch & dinner TBD)

WEDNESDAY

All day in Philadelphia
Constitution Center
Independence Park
Independence Hall
The Liberty Bell
Workshop

THURSDAY

Benjamin Franklin Museum in Philly
Afternoon flight back to Houston from Philly