

# UNITED SOUTH & EASTERN TRIBES PROGRAM

## Washington, DC



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**Arrive in Washington**  
Meet your Close Up Concierge and explore DC with your school

**Welcome Dinner**

**Group Orientation**  
Meet students from across the country and get to know your Close Up Instructor

**Welcoming Remarks from USET Staff**

**Introduction Workshop\***  
Form a workshop community with other students, establish guidelines, identify goals, introduction to USET

**Social Activity**

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**Federal Indian Policy Workshop**  
Analyze the impact of Federal Indian Policy and Native resistance

**Thomas Jefferson Memorial Study Visit\*\***  
Examine Manifest Destiny and Indian Removal in Jefferson's work

**White House Study Visit**  
Study the Indian Removal Act and the different perspectives of Native Nations

**NMAI Study Visit**  
Identify how language, stories, and symbols influence Native history and current conditions

**Franklin D. Roosevelt Memorial Study Visit**  
Discuss Allotment, Reorganization, and government involvement in Native affairs

**Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Study Visit**  
How can techniques used by past socio-political movements apply to current Indian Country?

**Dinner at Restaurant**

**Federal Government Structure Workshop**  
Discover the three branches of government and their roles in forming American Indian policy

**Tribal Government Group Activity**  
Work with your Tribal Nation to create presentations about your tribe's government, economy, and culture

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**USET Flag Ceremony**  
Serve as a flag-bearer in this ceremonial opening of the mid-winter Conference

**Indian Issues Today Panel Seminar**  
Experts in Indian law and policy will share their insights with students as they prepare to develop ideas for their Tribal Action Initiatives

**Lunch at Hotel**

**Tribal Action Initiatives Activity**  
Work with peers from your tribe to create solutions to issues that affect your community and present them to your tribal leaders

**U.S. Marine Corps Memorial**  
Visit the larger-than-life representation of the iconic flag-raising at Iwo Jima

**USET Reception**  
Enjoy an evening with USET delegates after presenting the Tribal Action Initiatives

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**Current Issues in Indian Country Workshop**

**Legislative Walking Workshop**

**Capitol Hill Day**

**Meeting with Senate Committee on Indian Affairs**

**Panel in Indian Affairs Committee Hearing**

**Explore the U.S. Capitol Visitor Center & Museum**

**Lunch at the House Cafeteria**

**Visit the Supreme Court and Library**

**Group Photo**

**Dinner at Pentagon City Mall**

**War Memorials Study Visit**  
Examine the role American Indians have played and continue to play in U.S. military conflicts (**WWII, Vietnam, and Korean War Memorials**)

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**Executive Briefing with the Bureau of Indian Affairs**  
Learn about the relationship between tribal nations and executive branch

**Lunch at National Place**

**Sovereignty Statement Workshop**  
Collaborate with Workshop to create a statement about Tribal Sovereignty and its importance

**Sovereignty Statement Presentation**

**Dinner at Union Station**

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**Breakfast with Tribal Leaders**

**USET Council Session**  
Present Sovereignty Statements and vote by USET delegation

**DC Exploration**  
Spend the day with your tribal nation visiting popular sites in the nation's capital

**Closing Reflection**  
How will you stay engaged on issues that matter to you?

**Banquet and Dance**  
Enjoy a fun-filled evening with your new friends as you dance the night away

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**Sightsee in Washington**  
Prior to your departure, spend some more time in the city with your school

**Depart for Home**

CloseUp was wonderful I met so many new friends and the instructors were great at explaining things. Everything we did was engaging, fun, and educational.

— Abby, Student, NY

\* Workshops are small learning communities comprised 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.

Sample schedule subject to change.