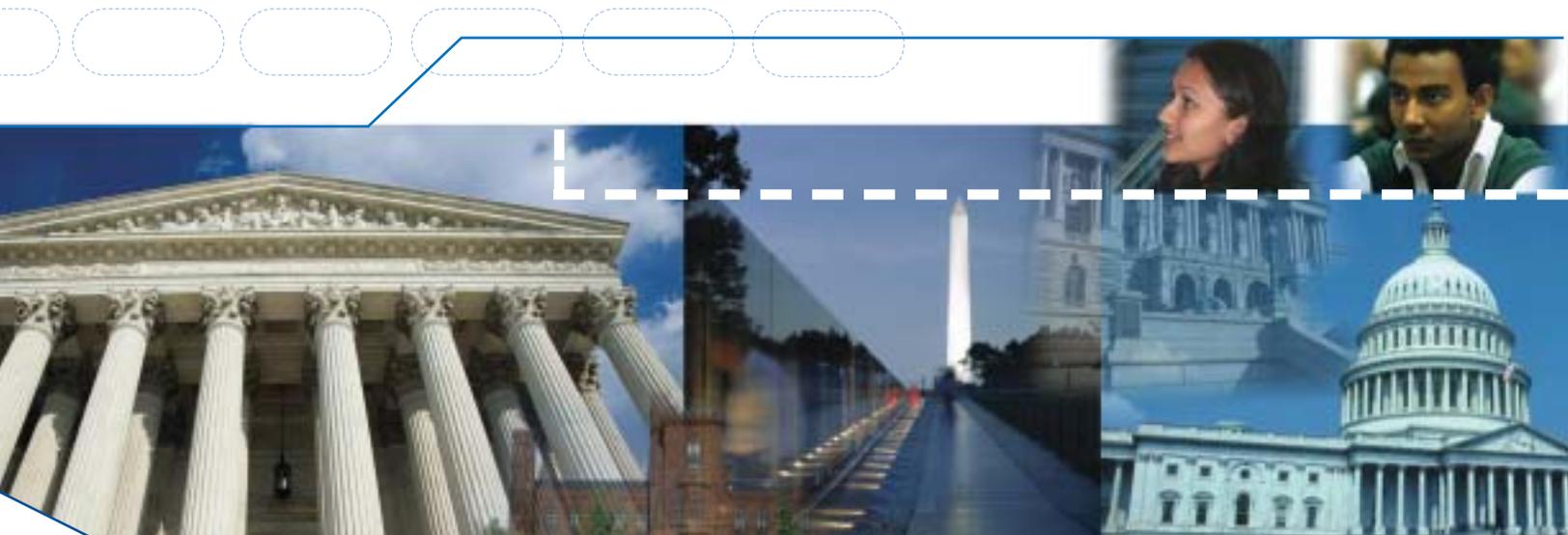


## QUALITY CIVIC EDUCATION PROGRAMS FOR STUDENTS

More educational than most offerings currently available in the domestic U.S. educational travel market, this program uses Washington, DC as a civics and history laboratory for students and teachers. Designed to meet the National Standards for Civics and Government around which most state level standards were developed, this unique approach to civic education programming has student participants spending the majority of their week with a professional staff of Washington, DC based civics instructors. Teachers may attend student program events, follow the parallel professional development program specially designed for educators (see page 6) or schedule their own self-guided study visit of the nation's capital. For students and teachers following the student schedule, there is much to do:

- Current issues seminars with key policy players from every branch of the federal government, the media and advocacy organizations
- Scheduled meetings and discussions with each school's respective state congressional delegation on Capitol Hill
- Explorations of the city's numerous historical sites including the Washington, Lincoln, Jefferson and FDR Monuments
- Guided visits of the capital region's most popular sites: Library of Congress, Supreme Court and Smithsonian museums
- Frequent small group discussions facilitated by American Civics Center instructors (1 for every 22 students) who specialize in helping participants find their civic voice
- An evening at one of the capital's theater venues
- A welcome reception on arrival day and farewell banquet on the day before departure
- Other standard inclusions in the student tuition price:
  - ☆ Transportation to and entrance fees for all events
  - ☆ Lodging on each night of program at close in hotel with metro subway access nearby
  - ☆ All meals beginning with dinner on arrival day
  - ☆ Continuous supervision (days, evenings and overnights)
  - ☆ Nurses on call 24 hours per day



# STUDENT PROGRAM SCHEDULE

## Saturday

### ARRIVAL & ORIENTATION

Registration – Check into your hotel. Arrive early and spend the day downtown.

Dinner & Orientation – Attend a program overview and discuss goals for the week.

Student Social – Get to know your fellow participants from across the country.

## Sunday

### THE NATION'S CAPITAL & FOUNDATIONS OF DEMOCRACY

Breakfast & Daily Briefing – Meet your team of Civics Instructors and prepare for the day's activities.

Presidential Power: Monument Study Visit – Onsite historical and cultural interpretation at the Jefferson Memorial, Washington Monument and FDR Memorial.

Corridors of Power: Neighborhood Exploration – Explore DC neighborhoods such as Embassy Row, K Street corridor, Georgetown and Capitol Hill.

Lunch – Union Station

Conflict & Compromise: Monument Study Visit – Onsite historical and cultural interpretation at the Lincoln, Vietnam Veterans, Korean War, and WWII Memorials.

American Melting Pot Neighborhood Exploration – Introduction to DC neighborhoods such as Adams Morgan, Shaw, U Street Corridor, and Chinatown.

Dinner – Local restaurant in Washington neighborhood.

Small Group Civics Discussion – Map the physical layout of Washington and the power structure within the federal government.

Activity: Civics Scavenger Hunt – Navigate American democracy and utilize the capital city.

## Monday

### BRANCHES OF GOVERNMENT & POLITICAL IDEOLOGIES

Breakfast and Daily Briefing

This Week in Washington Seminar – Interact with a member of the national press corps. Explore the role of the individual, media and government in a democracy.

Executive Branch Study Visit – Discuss the historical and current challenges facing the Presidency at Lafayette Square, across the street from the White House.

Lunch – Shops at National Place

Advocacy Onsite Briefings – Small group discussions hosted by lobbying organizations. Learn how to advocate inside the federal government.

Legislative and Judicial Branches Study Visit – Discuss the historical and current role of the Supreme Court. Begin learning about the legislative branch on Capitol Hill.

Dinner in the City

Small Group Civics Discussion – Define today's political ideologies. Develop your civic voice.

Primetime Debate: Principles and Politics – Join two Washington professionals from divergent political backgrounds as they address topics of interest and take your questions.

Snack and Speak – Continue the discussion with the Primetime Debate speakers and your fellow students.

## Tuesday

### PUBLIC POLICY ISSUES AND CIVIC SKILLS

Breakfast & Daily Briefing

Current Issues Breakout Sessions – Choose a topic: education, gun control, environment, healthcare, civil liberties, international trade or foreign relations.

Public Policy Forum – Explore one of the premier public policy choices facing the nation with an expert on the subject.

Lunch & Smithsonian Visits

Onsite Small Group Briefings – Discuss policy-making in an interconnected world at foreign embassies, executive branch agencies and nongovernmental organizations.

Small Group Civics Workshops – Develop civic skills: writing letters to the editor, volunteering for campaigns, advocating for an issue position and motivating others to get involved.

Dinner – Hard Rock or ESPN Zone

Theater – Ford's Theater, Arena Stage, National Theater or Kennedy Center

## Wednesday

### CAPITOL HILL AND CULMINATING ACTIVITIES

Breakfast & Hill Strategy Session – Prepare for activities on Capitol Hill with your teacher and the civics instructor assigned to your state.

Capitol Hill Activities – Meet with your state's congressional delegation.

Lunch – Vouchers Provided

Options on Capitol Hill – Visit the Library of Congress, attend committee meetings, explore Supreme Court, or study at the Sewall-Beimont House.

School Meetings – with your teacher.

Program Evaluation Session – Meet with your Civics Instructor to wrap up the week, evaluate your goals and develop an ongoing strategy for using and sharing your civics skills.

Farewell Dinner Cruise – Enjoy a breathtaking view of the city while gliding down the Potomac river.

Student Dance – Celebrate a life-changing week with your new friends!

## Thursday

### DEPARTURE OR OPTIONS

Extend your stay, choose to visit:

- ☆ Colonial Capital Williamsburg, VA
- ☆ Revolutionary War Philadelphia, PA
- ☆ Off the Beaten Path Washington, DC

\* Schedule subject to change.

