

CLOSE UP DC

CLOSE UP DC, NEW YORK AND PHILADELPHIA REFLECTIONS...



To think that a six teens and one adventurous advisor from Butte Falls are capable of successfully traveling from Oregon to Washington DC, New York, Philadelphia, and back seems outrageous! Especially when traveling in a rent-a-car with Mrs. LeFever at the wheel and Cody Kelly and I navigating with directions from Map Quest! What an amazing experience! Never in a million years did I think that I would have the opportunity to meet so many interesting individuals and tour so many historical monuments. Everyone should take the time to travel back east at least once in their life. I will remember my experience forever.

... Jessica Dunlap

I don't know how to write this with out saying 'awesome' a whole bunch of times, so here goes!

This trip was so awesome. I met so many awesome people, and saw so many awesome sites and structures; tons of art - from structures and stone, to paintings and drawings, to stain glass windows, etcetera. Not only that but I got to experience so many awesome and thoughtful debates and arguments with so many different people from so many different places. I got to see and meet Senators and Secret Service people, the president's dog, and members of the NYPD, as well as people that we met on the streets and in restaurants. I even got to meet Andy from Michigan. I had an awesome time.

The people were awesome and this is one point where Mrs. LeFever contributed a lot! We met all sorts of different people everywhere we went. Mrs. LeFever started conversations with random people everywhere we went, including policemen and taxi drivers! We got insider's views from locals, and outsider's views from tourists. The people we met varied by occupation, opinion, race, sex, and a whole lot more. Whether she was asking directions, or commenting on attributes, or on the sites, or just asking a question she always found out something and learned something about the person, including their name.

... Caleb Moore

Close up was the most fun I've had in a long time. In New York we went on the double-decker tour bus and saw the entire city. We went by Ground Zero, the Statue of Liberty and we went up to the top of the Empire State building for an incredible view of the city at night. The best thing in New York was when we saw *Les Miserables* on Broadway. In Philadelphia we went on a carriage ride around the historical part of town. We also went and saw the Liberty Bell.

When we went to D.C. we were so busy it was unbelievable. We stayed up until after eleven every night and we had to wake up at seven or earlier each day. It was worth it though because we got to see everything. We went to the U.S. Capitol and saw the Senate and the House of Representatives as they were casting votes (so we got to see most of the Senators and Representatives). We went to a bunch of memorials; the Vietnam Memorial, the Korean War Memorial, the Iwo Jima Memorial, the Lincoln Memorial, and a lot more.

The trip was extremely fun but the best part was when we watched *Les Miserables* on Broadway.

... Cody Kelley

After arriving at the Baltimore airport, we started the trip by driving to New York City, where we took in sites like the Statue of Liberty, Battery Park, and Ground Zero. We got to go to the Broadway show *Les Miserables*. Getting to see the play was a great experience because we're putting on this play and we got to see our different characters play their parts. We stayed in New York for a couple of days and got to see so. We also stopped in Philadelphia and saw the Liberty Bell. Then we drove down to Washington D.C. for the Close Up program.

We arrived in Washington D.C. and checked into our hotel rooms at the Hotel Pennsylvania. Cody and I roomed with two fellows from Barcelona, Spain. Their names were Luis and Xavier. We started out the week by doing a workshop and seeing a few of the memorials, including the Jefferson, FDR, Lincoln, Korean War, Vietnam War, and many others. We got to see Capitol Hill and take a tour of congress and we got to go to the White House. A few of the other things that we did during the Close Up program were attend several workshops and seminars with topics ranging from copyrights to National Security. Our group got to go to the C-Span Center with some people from the former Russian States. We had so much fun. I would be to do this again if I could.

... Jake Wetzel

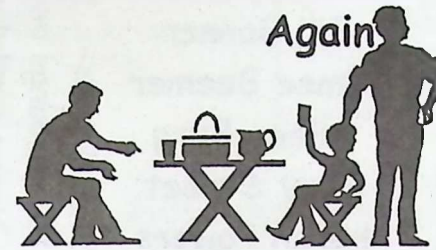
Explaining the Close Up trip to New York City to Washington DC isn't that simple. It's the kind of thing that you have to experience yourself.

For me it was ten days of my life that I will never forget. Ten days of memories... meeting many people from so many different places and backgrounds, making great friends, continual excitement, learning more than you can imagine, and the views and sites are unbelievable!

I plan on going again next year and I look forward to experiencing more excitement and creating additional memories with next year's senior group! Words cannot say enough to the people who made this possible for the Butte Falls Close Up group. Words cannot say how much I appreciate your support. Thank you all very much for making this trip possible for the students of BFHS!

... Jamie Nelson, with a smile

Picnic Tables Available Again



Once again the Butte Falls High School Construction Technology Dept. has constructed beautiful picnic tables that are available for sale at the bargain price of \$60!!!

This fund raiser for the BFHS shop classes helps buy materials and parts for many projects including the restoration of the 1963 Dodge pickup truck. Please contact the High School office at 865-3563 to arrange a purchase.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Butte Falls High School Gym
7:00 PM

Wednesday, June 5, 2002
ATHLETIC AWARDS

Thursday, June 6, 2002
ACADEMIC AWARDS

Friday, June 7, 2002
HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION!

2002 GRADUATES

Anna Andersson
Refina Azwan
Jessica Dunlap
Ashley Elmer
Kale Freeman
Geddie Hammer
Tyler Hersom
Lou Hoyer
Tommy Lunsford
Bijan Nouri
Vallorie Petersen
Randi Pitts
Nick Rodgers
Stacy Smith
Dan Stark
Charlotte Von Krause
Jacob Wetzel