



Ann Kennedy, Chair  
P. O. Box 11000, Oklahoma City, OK 73136

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Dear School Administrator or Social Studies Educator:

We are pleased to announce the twenty-ninth annual Oklahoma Close Up Program. The Program will begin Tuesday afternoon, **February 16**, and end at noon on Friday, **February 19, 2010**. Oklahoma Close Up is a program designed to give 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade students an intensive look at Oklahoma's state government in action and an opportunity to examine and analyze the issues facing Oklahoma today. Hearing- and vision-impaired students and their teachers, as well as other physically challenged students and their teachers, are encouraged to participate.

Oklahoma Close Up is hosted at a local Oklahoma City hotel with conference activities taking place at various locations throughout the State Capitol complex. During the program, all teachers and students, including those from the local area, stay in the program-designated hotel. Registration on Tuesday afternoon is followed by dinner and "get acquainted" sessions. Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday are spent at the State Capitol Complex visiting the members of the Legislature, the Governor and other statewide officeholders, the Supreme Court and the Court of Criminal Appeals. In addition to the main program, Oklahoma Close Up offers an optional "Shadowing Experience" activity that is available on Tuesday, February 16, from 8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m., for those Close Up students who are interested. This unique activity pairs students with Legislators and other officeholders for the day to observe and participate in government first-hand.

To register your school for this program, please:

- Fill out the enclosed school enrollment form
- Enclose a non-refundable school enrollment fee of \$50.
- Send this information to:

**Oklahoma Close Up**  
**c/o Academy of Leadership and Liberty**  
**PO Box 11000**  
**Oklahoma City, OK 73136**



**Please note the new address.**

Registrations are due by **December 1, 2009**.

The school enrollment fee of **\$50** helps cover pre-Program costs and is non-refundable. If you wish to attend, please register your school now. Your school may send as many as ten students but it is not necessary to enroll students at this time. Tuition is \$180 per participant and covers enrollment, study materials, transportation, all meals, and hotel accommodations. A souvenir Close Up T-shirt is also included in the tuition. Each student may request one roommate; two other roommates from another school will be assigned to each room. *Please note that Oklahoma Close Up will waive the entire tuition fee for each teacher sponsor who brings at least two students.* Teacher sponsors are expected to assist in a supervisory capacity as requested during the Program, and to participate in all teacher and student activities. Teachers may earn professional development credit for participation in the program.

Once we have received your school registration, we will send you participant registration information. Participant registration information is due by **January 15, 2010**.

If you have additional questions or would like additional information about the 2010 Oklahoma Close Up Program, please contact **Ann Kennedy** by phone at **405-703-2041** or **Brian Bush** at **405-425-1065**. Further details are also available on our website at <http://www.okcloseup.org>.

Sincerely,  
Ann Kennedy  
Chair, Oklahoma Close Up Steering Committee  
<http://www.okcloseup.org>