



JA FINANCE PARK VOLUNTEER FACTS

Today's young people need a strong foundation for making intelligent, lifelong, personal financial decisions. As a volunteer with **JA Finance Park**, you will help students navigate the world of personal finances as they assume the role of an "adult for the day."

Click [here](#) to watch JA Finance Park in action!

At **JA Finance Park**, students are given a unique life profile after answering a series of future lifestyle questions. Their life profile includes an income, marital status, even kids! Using this new adult persona, students work to create a balanced monthly budget while making decisions regarding housing, transportation, insurance, savings, entertainment expenses and much more.

Volunteers are needed to guide small groups of students throughout the day at **JA Finance Park**. **No special budgeting expertise or preparation is necessary, and thorough training is provided for all volunteers!**



A SAMPLE DAY IN JA FINANCE PARK*

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| 7:45am | VOLUNTEER ARRIVAL AND CHECK IN |
| 8:00-9:00am | VOLUNTEER TRAINING |
| 9:15-9:30am | SCHOOL ARRIVAL & WELCOME AND ORIENTATION |
| 9:30-10:15am | SET-UP AND SAVINGS |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Students go to their assigned business to meet their volunteer• Check out a tablet from their volunteer• Discover their adult identity for the day |
| 10:15-11:05am | RESEARCH |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Students and volunteers will visit each business discussing expense line items |
| 11:05-11:55am | LUNCH & BUDGET |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Students build a monthly budget• 30 minute lunch break |
| 11:55-12:25pm | SHOPPING |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Students visit each business on their iPad to make their shopping selections |
| 12:25-12:35pm | PAYMENT |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Students visit each storefront in JA Finance Park to pay for all their shopping selections. |
| 12:35-12:55pm | DEBRIEF & CLOSING |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Students view a final report that details their life scenario and Decisions• Students return their tablet to their volunteer |

*Schedules may vary. JA Staff will confirm start and end times with you when you register to volunteer.





VOLUNTEER FAQ

WHAT IS JA FINANCE PARK?

JA Finance Park is an indoor experiential learning complex where students come to gain “real world” financial education experience via an “adult for a day” simulation.

WHERE IS JA FINANCE PARK LOCATED?

JA Finance Park is centrally located in Los Angeles (bordering Burbank) off Highway 134 between Mt. Sinai and Forest Lawn Cemeteries, on the edge of Griffith Park. Plenty of parking is available for volunteers.

HOW LONG IS THE JA FINANCE PARK EXPERIENCE?

The JA Finance Park experience lasts approximately a full day of instruction for students, or between four and six hours of volunteer time.

WHAT IS CONSIDERED PROPER ATTIRE FOR VOLUNTEERING AT JA FINANCE PARK?

Students will be looking up to you during your time volunteering at JA Finance Park, so dress to impress and inspire in business casual or appropriate company attire. Wear comfortable shoes since you will be doing a good amount of standing and walking.

IS FOOD AVAILABLE FOR VOLUNTEERS?

Vending machines are available on-site, which offer drinks and snacks. Please pack a lunch that you can enjoy during the day’s lunch break. We ask volunteers stay on-site during lunch.

CAN WE VOLUNTEER IN JA FINANCE PARK FOR A FEW HOURS OR ONLY PART OF THE DAY?

We expect that volunteers commit to stay through the entire scheduled simulation. Each volunteer works with a small group of students throughout their visit to JA Finance Park. We want each student to have support throughout the simulation to ensure their successful completion.

DO I NEED TO HAVE EXPERIENCE TEACHING KIDS, OR BE AN EXPERT AT MATH OR FINANCES?

All volunteers will go through a thorough one-hour training on the same day as their scheduled volunteer session. All necessary information and supplies will be provided at this time. No previous experience is required, however, basic usage knowledge of a tablet is needed.

CAN WE CATER A LUNCH FOR THE VOLUNTEERS IN A SEPARATE ROOM DURING OUR LUNCH BREAK?

Schedule permitting, groups are welcome to cater lunch. All catered lunches should be coordinated by the individual volunteer groups. JA Finance Park **does not** provide lunch or coordinate lunch arrangements.

HOW MANY STUDENTS WILL I BE WORKING WITH?

We do our best to maintain a volunteer to student ratio of 1:5. Depending on student and volunteer attendance the day of the simulation, we will try to partner volunteers together when working with students.

WHAT ARE THE JA FINANCE PARK HEALTH & SAFETY PROTOCOLS?

JASoCal is following Los Angeles Unified School District’s COVID protocols. Wearing masks inside JA Finance Park is recommended but not required.