

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."

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 mentor small groups of students throughout their day at **JA Finance Park**. **No special budgeting expertise or preparation is necessary and thorough training is provided for all volunteers!**

A Typical Day in Finance Park*

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 an iPad 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 iPad to their volunteer

* Due to COVID group sizes are smaller. The Day of Schedule may end earlier, the JA Staff member will confirm end time with you.

To participate as a JA
Finance Park volunteer
mentor, please contact:

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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.

Is food available for volunteers?

Vending machines are available on-site, which offer drinks and snacks. We recommend packing a lunch which you can enjoy during the day’s lunch break.

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 an iPad 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?

Volunteers will work with an average of 3-6 students.

What are the JASoCal COVID protocols?

JASoCal is following Los Angeles County and local school district COVID protocols. Which include full vaccination, showing proof of vaccination, and remaining masked while indoors.