

Welcome to JA Finance Park®

The following slides provide you with an overview of JA Finance Park, the visit day experience, and your role as a volunteer. You will support the students, assist and answer their questions throughout their job of “adult” for the day! You will guide anywhere between 5 to 10 students in your assigned business.

Volunteers are key to the success of this program, and we guarantee your day will be rewarding and memorable!



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What is JA Finance Park?



Teens rarely think about buying health insurance, childcare, or evaluating investment choices. At JA Finance Park, they do! JA Finance Park combines in-class learning with a day-long visit to a fully interactive, life scenario simulation. Students in 7th-12th grades are introduced to personal finance and career exploration. They receive family and income scenarios and identify lifestyle goals. They also explore and learn about different budget categories, create a budget, make purchasing decisions, and pay for their expenses. In this tablet-based program, students assume a persona of a provider for a family and must accommodate the needs of the family without overspending.

Educators assist student learning by preparing students before the visit day and debriefing the experience after the visit day. Volunteers guide the students through the simulation.

The time spent at JA Finance Park may only be one day, but the impact this experiential learning provides will last a lifetime!

JA Finance Park is home to 12 different businesses, all of which provide unique needs to its visitors.

1. AAA

2. Ameren

3. American Eagle Credit Union

4. Centene

5. Commerce Bank

6. Communications

7. Edward Jones

8. Entertainment

9. Famous Footwear

10. Fontbonne University

11. Lou Fusz

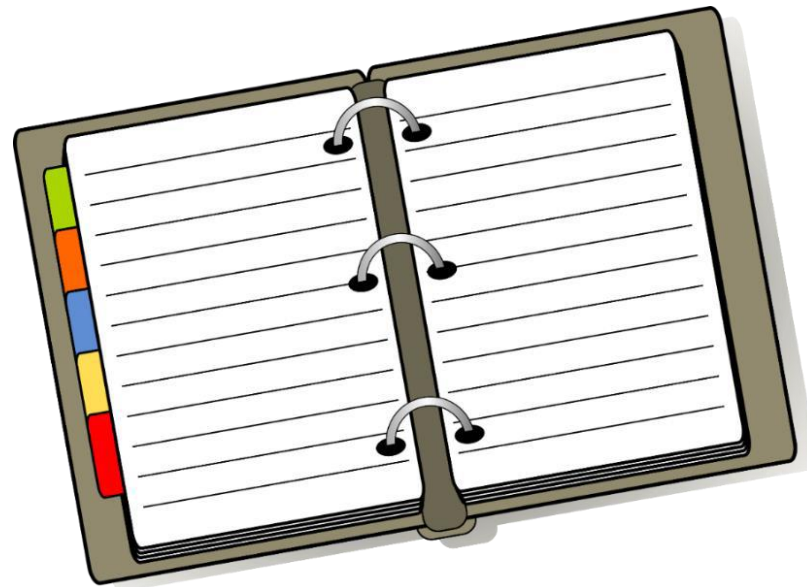
12. That's Life

Your role as a volunteer

- Arrive on time and provide real-world experience and advice to the students
- Be positive and encouraging
- Guide and remind students of job tasks
- Keep students engaged, calm, and on track
- Troubleshoot problems should they arise (JA staff is always there to assist!)
- Oversee a small group of students in a JA Finance Park business.
- Lead small discussion groups (3-4 minutes) using a provided slide presentation (Step 3 in your Online Volunteer Training)
- Have fun!



Upon arrival to JA Finance Park, you will receive **one-on-one training** from a JA staff member. You will also receive a detailed **volunteer manual** to refer to throughout the day.



Overview of the JA Finance Park Day

Opening—*students will:*

- Go to assigned business upon arrival
- View an introduction to *JA Finance Park*
- Be assigned a tablet
- Receive debit card with account and pin numbers

During Login—*students will:*

- Enter information and account numbers
- Answer Lifestyle Questions
- Receive Life Scenarios
- Select a personal Avatar
- Calculate Net Monthly Income (NMI)

During Savings Budget—*students will:*

- Explore saving options
- Select a Saving Goal
- Allocate Savings into 3 funds

During Research—*student groups will:*

- Rotate through each business
- Listen to volunteer presentation on each budget category
- Apply for home and auto loan

Create a Budget—*students will:*

- Decide on budget plan
- Allocate NMI
- Confirm and save budget

Shopping—*students will:*

- Select each budget category and make shopping decisions
- Visit associated businesses for further information, if needed
- Reallocate shopping decisions if over NMI

Payments—*students will:*

- Pay for shopping selections
- Revisit businesses to get codes and unlock budget categories
- Make online payments
- Swipe debit card to make payments in some budget categories
- Answer Lifestyle Goal Questions





- **Please arrive to JA Finance Park at the time designated on your JA provided volunteer training email. This will ensure that you will have adequate time to be properly trained in your assigned business.**
- Bring a sack lunch (JA does not provide any vending machines, microwave, fridge, or coffee).
- Dress comfortably and be prepared for an active day!

JA Finance Park Volunteer Check-In Process

Upon arrival, you will:

- Be greeted by a JA staff member
- Sign in, pick up your name tag and green volunteer smock
- Bring all of your belongings with you into your business
- Participate in JA Finance Park business training by a JA staff member



The restrooms in JA Finance Park are for **student use only**. The **adult restrooms** are located down the main hallway of the JA reception area.

**Please return to the Online
Volunteer Training webpage to
complete Step 3 of your training.**

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