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## Adult Volunteer Handout

### How the Field Trip works

The students come to The Magic House prepared for their job in one of the businesses in the Village. The teacher will have paychecks ready to give to the post office. The children will have a chance to cash their checks and/or make a deposit. The beginning of the field trip allows a short time to explore the Village, then about 40 minutes actually “working” and being customers in the village community. At the end of the allotted time, the group will assemble in the theater for a final activity. The job site groups stay together and act as a household to make financial decisions in this final activity.

### The Role of the Adult Volunteer

- Each adult will be assigned to a specific job site
- Encourage students to be responsible workers and allow each student a break time to cash their paychecks or be a customer in other businesses
- Each job site is provided with additional props
- Each job site will have “petty cash” for children to use on their breaks until their paychecks arrive
- Have fun

### Managing Worker Breaks

- Immediately release some workers on breaks to create “consumers” in the Village
- When workers go on break, ask them to have a plan; for example, cash paycheck and buy fishing license, then come back to give someone else a turn
- If everyone is responsible, workers may easily get 2 or 3 breaks



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### Descriptions of activities at each job site

#### Bank

- Tellers ask for student ID's when cashing paychecks
- Tellers keep the money drawers in order
- Loan Officer can arrange for loans using the bank computer
- A worker on break could arrange for a pizza delivery or shop for groceries for lunch

#### Market

- Cashiers ring up sales, collect payment and make change
- Baggers place purchased food in bags, restock shelves and keep the shelves neat
- Workers could circulate in the Village selling flowers or renting videos
- Lunch could be delivered to workers at the construction site
- A worker can sell ice cream from the cart located outside the market

#### TV Station

- Anchors present the news and weather
- Field journalists have press passes to specific job sites and collect news bits to report
- Workers can encourage businesses to make commercials

#### Post Office

- Mail sorters sort incoming mail and check for postage
- Letter carriers pick-up and deliver mail
- Workers make and sell stamps
- Deliver boxes of supplies



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### Library

- Issue library cards
- Assist visitors in locating books (Dewey Decimal System)
- Check books in, remove due date cards and reshelve books
- Check books out and insert due date card
- Read a story to visitors
- Issue and collect fines for overdue books

### Construction Site

- Workers should discuss safety rules
- Workers load/unload bricks for construction of the firehouse
- Workers can order pizza or purchase groceries for lunch

### Restaurant

- Chefs prepare pizza
- Servers seat customers, take orders, serve food and prepare customer bill
- Cashiers collect payment and make change
- Delivery persons deliver pizza to other locations

### Electric Company

- Bill collectors prepare electric bills for each business, deliver them and collect payment for deposit in the bank
- Workers perform experiments at the plant
- Assemble and deliver flashlights to each business
- Workers can check phone lines in each business
- Workers can plan for lunch, schedule a vacation or give a report on electric usage on the news



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### Tree House Ranger Station

- Park Rangers greet visitors, provide Village maps and sell fishing licenses
- Rangers keep records in log book
- Rangers keep accurate records of all payments and make deposits to the bank
- Game Wardens take turns checking on pond activity, checking for fishing licenses, explaining the “catch limit” and maintaining the grounds
- Workers can order pizza delivery or purchase groceries for lunch