



Welcome, ACT 5 Junior Jesters!

We're so excited to welcome you to ACT 5 as a **Junior Jester** at Kidstock! This unique opportunity is designed for students in Grades 7–9 who are not quite old enough for a staff job but ready to take the first step toward experiencing what working at summer program is all about.

Many of you have spent summers at Kidstock! as students. Now, it's your chance to bring that same energy, creativity, and excitement to our current young actors—while learning what goes on behind the scenes!



The Junior Jester Philosophy

At Kidstock!, we believe that **you have to love being at the summer program to be great at working at the summer program**. Your experience this summer will focus on balancing **being part of the fun** with **being an extra set of helpful hands** when tasks arise.

You'll be supported by a staff mentor who will help guide your experience. While you are not staff and not expected to take on staff-level responsibilities, you *are* expected to listen, learn, participate fully, and help when asked.



Daily Expectations



Morning Check-In

Each morning, meet with your assigned **mentor staff member**. They will explain your role for the day, which might include:

- Shadowing a group of students through their activities
- Assisting in a classroom or with a specific teacher
- Helping out with transitions, supplies, or special projects

Listen closely, ask questions when needed, and follow all directions from the staff you're assigned to.



Following the Schedule

- **Keep a copy of the day's schedule with you.**
- You may stay with one group all day *or* remain in one classroom while different groups rotate through.
- Be a “**Caboose!**” During transitions, stay at the back of the line to make sure no one gets left behind.



Support Safety & Positivity

Safety First

Always be alert. If a child is doing something unsafe, **do not handle it yourself**. Tell a staff member immediately.

Promote Happiness

Help create a joyful, creative space. If someone is upset, your calm presence can help. Let a staff member know if a child needs extra attention.

Respect the Code of Conduct

If you witness bullying, unkind words, or inappropriate behavior, **alert a staff member right away**. Our culture is built on kindness and respect.



Learn as You Help

This is a **learning experience** for you! Watch how educators handle the students, notice what activities engage the most attention, and observe how we solve challenges. You're encouraged to ask your mentor questions and reflect on what you notice.

Everyday Duties

Sometimes the smallest tasks are the most helpful. You can:

- **Tie shoes**—especially after dance class!
 - **Help with zippers and backpacks** during snack and lunch breaks.
 - **Assist with opening containers, water bottles, or snack bags** if kids need a hand.
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Class-by-Class Guidelines

All Classes

Be a **role model** by participating fully. Follow directions, don't talk over instructors, and join the fun with enthusiasm!

Art

Do the project yourself! Modeling creative choices can inspire kids to try something new.

Dance

Be a dance captain! Learn the choreography and lead by example with energy and excitement.

Drama

Play your part! If asked to play a character or join a skit, go for it with dramatic flair—it encourages others to do the same.

What You Are *Not* Responsible For

You're here to learn and support, not to lead or discipline. Please **do not**:

- Handle **injuries, boo-boos, or accidents**
- Intervene in **student conflicts**
- **Discipline** a student

- Be the **authority** or “**voice**” in a class
- Manage **student behavior**—sometimes creative chaos is part of the plan!

If anything needs attention, **alert a staff member**. That’s what we’re here for.

Final Thought

Being a Junior Jester means stepping into a new role- **part participant, part helper, and full-time learner**. We are glad you’re here, and we’re excited to help you take this first step toward one day becoming a full member of our staff team.

Let the summer fun begin!