

Asa E. Low Jr. Intermediate School

Dear Panther Parents,

We are excited to announce that our fifth-grade students will have an amazing field trip opportunity to Camp Thurman.

Tuesday, October 20 - Team Columbia

Wednesday, October 21 – Team Oxford

Thursday, October 22 – Team Tulane

Friday, October 23 – Team Vanderbilt

The cost for this field trip is \$65 per student. This includes entrance to the camp and all the activities they will be providing. Students do need to bring a sack lunch and drink. A small snack will be provided in the afternoon. Cash and Checks will not be accepted, only online payments with a credit card. Additionally, we will NOT be able to provide refunds, so please make sure your child will attend if you pay to go! All forms and payment are due by Friday, October 2, 2026.

[Secure.payk12.com/school/asaelowjris/885/item/288854](https://secure.payk12.com/school/asaelowjris/885/item/288854)

We will need many chaperones! If you want to chaperone, you MUST fill out a background check online (go to Mansfieldisd.org, click parents, then click MISD volunteers) by October 2, 2026. There will not be a charge for Chaperones. Chaperones will need to provide their own sack lunch/drink and they must drive their own car. We will leave for Camp Thurman at 9:30am and we will stay there until 5:45pm. The buses will return to Asa Low around 6:15 pm. On the morning of the field trip, you must come to the school by 8:45 to check in at the front office in order to meet your group and get instructions. If you volunteer to chaperone, you will be responsible for a group of children until you put them on the bus at 5:45. Your child will need to ride the bus to Camp Thurman; however, you may check out your child only and take them home with you. If you decide to take your child home with you from Camp Thurman, you MUST check out with Mrs. Gilliland in order to ensure we get everyone back to Asa Low. Again, as a chaperone, you must remain at Camp Thurman until your group of students have loaded the bus at 5:45pm.

Because we are representing our school in a public environment, we expect students to be on their best behavior. If a child has behavior issues with their chaperone and needs to be referred to a teacher, there will be consequences. Students who receive ISS (In School Suspension) or OSS (Out of School Suspension) after October 2, will NOT be allowed to attend the field trip. Again, we will NOT be able to provide refunds, so it is in the students' best interest to maintain appropriate behavior and avoid being assigned to ISS or being suspended from school.

Every student that attends the field trip will need to complete the MISD permission form AND the Camp Thurman student Waiver. All Chaperones will need to complete the background check, MISD Chaperone Guidelines form AND the Camp Thurman adult Waiver.

Students will not need any additional money. All due dates are final. We will not take permission forms, chaperone background checks or money past the due date! Due to the rules of Camp Thurman, NO refunds will be given for ANY reason. As mentioned, buses will return to Asa Low around 6:15pm. Parents will need to pick their student up at Asa Low at 6:15.

Please be sure to read the letter from Camp Thurman so that you know what your child needs to bring. I look forward to an exciting and meaningful experience for our fifth graders! If you have any questions regarding the field trip, please contact Christy Gilliland, christygilliland@misdmail.org or 817-299-3649.

Sincerely,



Jason Short, Principal

Asa E. Low Jr Intermediate School

Important Dates:

- Tuesday, October 20 - Team Columbia, Wednesday, October 21 – Team Oxford, Thursday, October 22 – Team Tulane, Friday, October 23 – Team Vanderbilt
- Chaperone background checks need to be completed by October 2. (Will not be accepted late.)
- Permission forms and online payment needs to be turned in by October 2. (Will not be accepted late.)

Dear Asa Low 5th Grade Families,

We are excited that your student will be attending a field trip to Camp Thurman in Pantego, Texas, where they will participate in the Challenge Adventure Program!

This engaging program is designed to challenge students while they have fun. Throughout the day, students will take part in team-building activities led by trained Camp Thurman staff members. These activities help students learn more about themselves, build confidence, and take on leadership roles within their groups. In addition to ground-based challenges, students will enjoy high-ropes experiences, including the Eagle's Glide zip line and the giant swing, encouraging teamwork, courage, and personal growth.

Please note that all Camp Thurman facilities are completely outdoors. To ensure your child is comfortable and prepared, please have them bring:

- A refillable water bottle
- Sunscreen
- Bug spray
- Close-toed shoes
- Weather-appropriate clothing

Water jugs will be available on site for refills. Students should also bring a sack lunch, as refrigerators and microwaves are not available.

Every participant must wear closed—toe shoes and comfortable, weather-appropriate clothing. Students will be asked to leave cell phones, bags, lunches, and other valuables in a secure location before starting activities. We discourage cell phones, school lanyards, and jewelry from being brought or worn. Please ask students not to use or bring headphones, AirPods, etc. to Camp Thurman, as these can be a distraction for staff and other participants. Noise—canceling headphones are permitted for students who have special accommodations arranged with the school.

We are looking forward to an exciting and memorable experience for our students! If you have specific questions about the trip, please contact your child's teacher or assistant principal.

We cannot wait to see your students in October!

— The Camp Thurman Challenge Adventure Team
3001 Sarah Dr.
Pantego, TX 76013

Camp Thurman Payments

Student Ticket - \$65

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Chaperone Background Check

Click on the link to complete the background check.

You only need to do it once.

<https://mansfield.quickapp.pro/>



Camp **Thurman**

Camp Thurman Waiver/Release Form (Under 18)

Participant's Name _____ Age _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____

Home Phone _____ Alternate Phone _____

Emergency Contact _____ Phone _____

Email Address _____

As the parent or guardian of _____, I give permission for my child to participate in the Challenge Adventure Program conducted by the Camp Thurman staff. I confirm that my child is physically and mentally able to safely take part in these activities and will follow all safety guidelines and rules set by the camp staff. I also grant permission for photos of my child taken during camp to be used in brochures, flyers, or other promotional materials published by Camp Thurman.

In the event of an accident, injury, or illness, I authorize treatment by a licensed physician or trained camp staff, and I accept responsibility for any medical expenses incurred. Additionally, I release Camp Thurman and its officers, directors, employees, volunteers, and representatives from any liability or claims (including those related to negligence) arising from my child's participation in the Challenge Adventure Program.

☐ I would like to receive occasional email updates and promotions from Camp Thurman.

Parent or Guardian's Signature:

Signature

Date

List any known health problems that require treatment or restrictions:

Chaperone Guidelines

Only fill this page out IF you want to be a chaperone.

Non-District Employee as "Chaperone": An individual not employed by the District who serves as an approved "Chaperone" for a student trip:

- Must follow the directives of the "Trip Coordinator" and "Administrator" related to the student trip;
- Is responsible for their own expenses related to the trip and all incidentals;
- Must attend the "Chaperone" meeting conducted by the "Trip Coordinator" for all overnight trips;
- Can only "Chaperone" after being cleared through a background check.
- Must complete the written "Chaperone" Agreement;
- Must complete a Background Check in accordance with Board Policy for volunteers;
- May be assigned additional responsibilities related to the trip by the "Trip Coordinator" or "Administrator";
- Must follow all "Chaperone" Guidelines and any additional assigned responsibilities related to the trip; and
- Must be prepared to consistently perform "Chaperone" duties throughout the trip and not treat the travel as a personal trip or vacation.

I understand the expectations and guidelines outlined above.

Print Chaperone Name

Chaperone Signature

Date



Camp Thurman

Camp Thurman Adult Waiver/Release Form

Participant's Name _____ Age _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____

Home Phone _____ Alternate Phone _____

Emergency Contact _____ Phone _____

Email Address _____

I voluntarily choose to participate in the Challenge Adventure Program provided by Camp Thurman staff. I certify that I am physically and mentally able to take part in the challenge activities and agree to follow all safety rules and precautions set by the camp staff. I give permission for photos in which I appear to be used in brochures, flyers, websites, or other promotional materials published by Camp Thurman.

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Participant's Signature:

Signature

Date

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Student Trip Permission Form

Student Trip Permission Form

ALL SECTIONS AND INFORMATION MUST BE COMPLETELY AND ACCURATELY FILLED OUT FOR STUDENT APPROVAL.

Student Trip Disclaimer

- A student trip has been scheduled for your child. Although the location is not associated as a water based venue there may be bodies of water present meant for swimming, canoeing, or fishing. Students are not allowed to swim in an ocean, sea, lake, river or pond.
- Students may swim at the hotel swimming pools if: there are certified life guards supplied or the Trip Coordinator and/or Administrator is monitoring. They will set any restrictions for swimming based upon the number of students, size of the pool, time available, etc...
- Any student who violates water instructions may be sent home at the parents' expense.
- In some experiences, hands-on learning includes animal encounters – such as, viewing animals in their habitat, feeding/water animals, and at times, touching. In the event, that you do not wish for your student to participate in an animal encounter, please contact your learner's teacher and an administrator.
- The Trip Coordinator and Administrator reserve the right to search the rooms, luggage, personal belongings, and persons of any student at any point before, and during a school-related trip. By signing this form, you acknowledge that you received notice prior to the trip and acknowledge that students and their belongings are subject to random search during the trip.

This portion of the form is to be filled out by the school prior to distribution to the parent or guardian.

Campus/Class: Asa Low, Team Columbia Destination: Camp Thurman
Departure Date/Time: Tuesday, October 20 at 9:30am Return Date/Time: Tues., Oct. 20 at 6:15pm
Return the Form to: Your Science Teacher Date Form is due: Friday, October 2, 2026

Student Last (print) First MI Student's Date of Birth Student Grade

I hereby grant permission for (student name) _____ to participate in the student trip listed above and I have read the Student Trip Disclaimer above. I also understand that by signing below, I am indicating both my child and I understand the Student Trip Disclaimer and will agree to its contents.

I recognize, however, that unanticipated situations and problems can arise on any trip, which situations or problems are not reasonably within the control of the supervising teacher(s), staff or chaperones. We agree to release, indemnify, and hold harmless the Mansfield ISD, their agents, teacher(s), staff or chaperones, from any and all liability, claims, suits, demands, costs, and expense (including attorneys' fees and costs) arising from such activities, including any accident or injury to the student and the costs of medical services.

In the event of an injury requiring medical attention, I hereby grant permission to the supervising teacher(s), staff or chaperones to attend to my son/daughter. If the injury warrants further medical attention, I expect every effort will be made to contact me to receive my specific authorization before action is taken. If efforts to contact me are unsuccessful, I grant permission for necessary medical treatment to be given. In addition, I hereby give my permission to the supervising teacher(s), staff or chaperones to take my child to the physician or to the hospital if an accident or serious illness occurs on the trip and I cannot be located.

In the event that a student must return to Mansfield ISD independently for reasons of health, accident, failure to conform to rules established by the teacher in charge, etc., we agree to accept full responsibility for and to pay for the cost of medical care, transportation and other incidental expenses.

Parent/Guardian Last (print) Phone # Cell # Doctor Name and Phone #

Parent/Guardian (signature) Alternate Emergency Contact Name and Phone#



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Campus/Class: Asa Low, Team Oxford Destination: Camp Thurman
Departure Date/Time: Wednesday, October 21 at 9:30am Return Date/Time: Wed., Oct. 21 at 6:15pm
Return the Form to: Your Science Teacher Date Form is due: Friday, October 2, 2026

Student Last (print) _____ First _____ MI _____ Student's Date of Birth _____ Student Grade _____

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Campus/Class: Asa Low, Team Tulane Destination: Camp Thurman
Departure Date/Time: Thursday, October 22 at 9:30am Return Date/Time: Thurs., Oct. 22 at 6:15pm
Return the Form to: Your Science Teacher Date Form is due: Friday, October 2, 2026

Student Last (print)	First	MI	Student's Date of Birth	Student Grade
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Campus/Class: Asa Low, Team Vanderbilt Destination: Camp Thurman
Departure Date/Time: Friday, October 23 at 9:30am Return Date/Time: Fri., Oct. 23 at 6:15pm
Return the Form to: Your Science Teacher Date Form is due: Friday, October 2, 2026

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