



KSC Countdown

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Discovery rolls to the VAB on May 12

◆ **Shuttle Update:** Final area closeouts continue in preparation for Discovery's move to the Vehicle Assembly Building May 12 and then to the launch pad for its mission to the International Space Station. Technicians powered up Discovery on Saturday to support the aft area structural leak test and orbiter compartment positive pressure test.

Final cleaning operations of the environmental control and life support system bay continue in preparation for closeout prior to flight. The final functional test on the nose and main landing gear was completed last week.

◆ **ISS Update:** The new station crew, Expedition 13 Commander Pavel Vinogradov and Flight Engineer and NASA Science Officer Jeff Williams, arrived on the station last week and bid goodbye to the Expedition 12 crew on Saturday. Vinogradov and Williams will have light duty this week as they rest from a busy handover. They will remain in orbit for six months. The crew plans to perform two spacewalks and greet two space shuttle crews during their expedition. Shuttle Atlantis' STS-115 mission is scheduled during Expedition 13 and will resume major assembly of the station. The shuttle and station crews will work together to add another set of batteries and solar arrays to the complex.

New station crew settles in, prepares for six-month tour

■ **Get Tickets for the KSC All American Picnic** — The tickets are now on sale at a cost of \$6 for adults and \$4 for children ages 3 through 12. Children under 3 are free, but tickets must still be obtained. Tickets purchased after 3 p.m. on April 19 will cost \$8 for adults and \$6 for children ages 3 through 12 (still free for children under 3). Purchase your tickets at HQ, O&C, SSPF and OSB Sundry stores; KARS Country Store; Hangar I Annex, Room 204; and NSLD 2, Cube 659.

■ **Breakfast for NASA Administrative Professionals** — The NASA Senior Secretaries will once again be hosting a breakfast during Administrative Professionals Week for NASA administrative professionals and their bosses. The breakfast is at 8:30 a.m. April 25 in the O&C Mission Briefing Room. The cost is \$10 per person. The guest speaker is Kim Wolinski (known as "Dr. DeClutter"). Her topic is "The Keys to Get Back On the Road to Balance."

Tickets may be purchased from any of the following:

- Beth Smith
HQ/Room 4021, 867-3333
- Arden Belt
HQ/Room 3321, 867-2001
- Jennifer Rosenberger
HQ/Room 3223E, 867-6210
- Maggie Cunningham
HQ/Room 2209, 867-3726

- Janette Taylor
OSB/Room 5101, 861-3871
- Jennifer Horner
O&C/Room 2066, 867-6400
- Lisa Peckham
SSPF/Room M006K, 867-6153
- Shari Bianco,
LCC/Room 4R08, 861-4321

■ **Picnic Volunteers Needed** — Helping with children's games, drinks, park cleanup and parking are opportunities for you and your family to make the KSC All American Picnic fun for everyone. KSC employees who sign up for a minimum of two hours of volunteer activity will receive a volunteer T-shirt, their name entered into the volunteer prize drawing, and a discounted picnic ticket (\$4). Family members are invited to volunteer and also will receive a volunteer T-shirt. Upon completion of your registration, you will receive a confirmation e-mail with information about the purchase of your ticket. Sign up before the volunteer openings are gone!

■ **Did You Know?** April's cardiovascular screening is Wednesday at the KSC Occupational Health Facility and Thursday at the KSC Launch Area Clinic/MFF Building. Pick up questionnaires at any medical facility or go to the Web site <http://ksbcoc-forms/KSCForms2/ref/KSC28-1010.itr>