



# KSC Countdown

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## Booster/external tank stack ready for Discovery

◆ **Shuttle Update:** On Tuesday, stacking of external tank No. 119 and the solid rocket boosters for mission STS-121 was completed in the Vehicle Assembly Building's high bay 3. On orbiter Discovery, work continues with power-on testing, forward and aft closeouts, heat shield installation and replacing window No. 2.

◆ **KSC Picnic Survey:** The KSC All American Picnic committee needs your help! Your input is critical for making next year's event even better. Please take a few minutes to complete the survey at: [http://survey.ksc.nasa.gov/survey\\_1.cfm?s=KSC\\_Picnic](http://survey.ksc.nasa.gov/survey_1.cfm?s=KSC_Picnic).

■ **NASA's Space Shuttle Program Update Rescheduled** — NASA has rescheduled this week's news conference on the Space Shuttle Program and processing for the next shuttle mission (STS-121). Program Manager Wayne Hale will brief the media at **11 a.m. Friday** from NASA's Marshall Space Flight Center in Huntsville, Ala. NASA TV will air the briefing live.

■ **KSC National Day Of Prayer Observance** — KSC will mark this year's National Day of Prayer with an observance in the KSC Training Auditorium from 11 a.m. to noon on May 4. Mark your calendar and join others for the live band, singing, and prayer for our nation and the space

program. With supervisory permission, all KSC and CCAFS employees are invited to attend. For more information, please contact Ed Markowski at 867-0829.

■ **2006 KSC Telephone Book Recycling** — The new Talking Phone Books and the BellSouth Telephone Books should be distributed throughout KSC soon. All KSC employees are encouraged to recycle your old phone books by placing them in the outgoing mailboxes within your office now through May 26. They will be picked up by the mail carriers. If you have more books than your outgoing mailbox can hold, please place them in a neat stack on the floor, table or desk next to the mailbox.

Please do not put the telephone books in the trash. Recycle them: Remove all colored pages and the front and back covers of the book and place the colored pages in your mixed office paper recycling containers. Place all white pages in the sensitive materials recycling container located throughout your facilities.

■ **Turtle Watch Reservations** — Starting at 9 a.m. May 15, the staff at Canaveral National Seashore will begin taking telephone reservations for this year's June Turtle Watch programs. The number to call is (386) 428-3384, ext. 18. The programs are open to people 8 years and older. Programs are limited to 30

## Picnic survey needs employee input

people per night with a maximum of six people per reservation call. During June, programs are scheduled on most Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights.

In the North District at Apollo Beach, programs will run from 8 p.m. until midnight on June 1-3, 6-10, 13-17, 20-24 and 27-30. Please have several dates in mind when you call, and please keep your calls brief.

Further information and instructions will be sent to you within two weeks of your phone call. While visitors are not guaranteed a view of a nesting sea turtle, the 2005 success rate exceeded 75 percent.

■ **Education Opportunity** — Webster University is offering a Master of Science degree in computer science. Applications are being accepted for this program that begins Aug. 12. Classes meet one night a week in a format designed for working professionals. No GRE or GMAT is required. For more information about this and other graduate programs at Webster University, call 449-4506 or send e-mail to [spacecoast@webster.edu](mailto:spacecoast@webster.edu).

■ **Did You Know?** Sea turtle nesting season begins May 1 and goes till Oct. 31. Please turn off all unnecessary exterior lights around your facility. If you have any questions, contact the NASA Environmental Program Branch at 867-8448.