



# KSC Countdown

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## Weather may be factor in launch tonight



◆ **Shuttle Update:** The rotating service structure was scheduled to roll away from the space shuttle at 12:27 a.m. today in

anticipation of the launch of STS-116. Countdown resumed at 4:40 a.m.; another planned two-hour hold begins at the T-6 hour mark (9:40 a.m.).

The crew will depart the Operations and Checkout Building at 5:45 p.m. and, after closeout preparations in the White Room, will begin entry into the orbiter about 6:15 p.m.

A weather briefing Wednesday morning indicated a 60-percent chance against launch tonight due to low cloud cover over the pad and the Shuttle Landing Facility.



◆ **Don't Miss the KSC Holiday Celebration Dec. 14** —

Center Director Jim Kennedy invites all

KSC civil service and contractor employees to join him for a Holiday Celebration at one of the following locations: Headquarters Lobby, from 9 to 10:30 a.m. or the OSB II Lobby, from 1 to 2:30 p.m. For second- and third-shift employees, the celebration will also be at the OSB II Lobby from 10 to 11:30 p.m. Refreshments will be provided.

## Center Director invites KSC to holiday fete

### ■ **NASA PM Challenge 2007 Speakers Announced**

— The speakers and topics for NASA PM Challenge 2007 are now online at:

<http://pmchallenge.gsfc.nasa.gov/>. PM Challenge 2007 will be held Feb. 6 and 7 at the Moody Gardens Hotel & Convention Center in Galveston, Texas. Register today at:

<http://pmchallenge.gsfc.nasa.gov/registration2007.htm>.

### ■ **Medical Clinics Holiday Schedule**

— The Launch Area Clinic (LAC, located in the MFF) and the Occupational Health Facility (OHF, M6-495) will be closed for the Christmas holidays from Dec. 22 through Jan. 1. They will reopen on Jan. 2. The Visitor Center Clinic will be closed Dec. 25. **Emergency medical services are available 24/7 by dialing 9-1-1 (from a cell phone, dial 867-7911).**

■ **Reminder** — The Stuff a Stocking Project is a part of this year's Salvation Army Christmas program, and at KSC it is sponsored by the Space Coast Chapter of Federally Employed Women. The deadline to return the gift stockings to the individuals listed below is **Dec. 12**.

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■ **NASA Exchange** — Stop by your closest NASA Exchange store and shop for great gifts from the “NASA Exchange Giftware Sale” and receive **20-percent off regular priced giftware through Dec. 8**.

Plus enjoy an additional everyday bonus savings of 6 percent tax exemption on all merchandise throughout the store. Store location and hours, Monday through Friday:

HQ	7 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
OSB	7 a.m. - 5:15 p.m.
O&C	8 a.m. - 4 p.m.
SSPF	8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

■ **Did You Know?** Every year, more and more people suffer from holiday depression and women and the elderly are the most vulnerable to this condition. For tips on how to decrease holiday stress and depression, visit: <http://www.depression-guide.com/depression-holidays.htm>. To take a short quiz to find out if you have symptoms of depression, visit: <http://www.med.nyu.edu/psych/screens/depres.html>.

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