



# countdown

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## Crew arrival Monday heralds Dec. 6 launch



### ◆ Mission Update:

The astronauts will arrive at 12:30 p.m. Monday. Activities that day include checking launch-and-entry suits and reviewing flight

data files. At 8 p.m., Commander Steve Frick and Pilot Alan Poindexter will conduct a suited Shuttle Training Aircraft flight. At 7 p.m., the countdown begins at the T-43 hour mark.

The STS-122 Executive Flight Readiness Review will be held on Friday and will establish the final launch date at its conclusion. Based on the current targeted Dec. 6 date, space shuttle Atlantis is targeted to launch at 4:31 p.m.

### ◆ Shop the Visitor Complex —

Now through Dec. 24, all badged Kennedy and CCAFS employees receive a 30-percent discount at Kennedy Visitor Complex retail locations including the Space Shop at the main Visitor Complex and the gift shop at the U.S. Astronaut Hall of Fame. Select from hundreds of space-themed items like ornaments, toys, apparel, jewelry, books, mugs, mission merchandise and more.

To visit the Space Shop, present your badge at a group will-call ticket window (1 – 4) for entry (does not include the Kennedy bus tour, IMAX movies or Shuttle Launch Experience). To receive your discount, please present your badge at the beginning of the transaction.

Due to high guest volume at the end of the day, please visit the gift shop before 4 p.m. This offer is not transferable and cannot be combined with any other discount.

## 30-percent discount for KSC employees at Visitor Complex

■ **Annual Call for NASA Headquarters Environment and Energy Blue Marble Awards Nominations** — The NASA Headquarters Environment and Energy Blue Marble Awards Program will recognize excellence demonstrated during fiscal year 2007 in the following three categories: (1) NASA Environmental Quality Award, (2) NASA Excellence in Energy and Water Management Award, and (3) NASA Environmental Management Division Director's Environmental and Energy Award. One individual and one group award may be selected in each category.

The award is open to all NASA civil service personnel. Contractors are also eligible as members of a NASA group. The award is an opportunity for NASA to raise internal awareness of the important role employees and contractors provide, often behind the scenes, in enabling environmentally sound mission success and mitigating environmental risk. It also provides a NASA-wide approach for meeting specific employee recognition requirements in the Greening-the-Government series of Executive Orders. Additionally, the program enables NASA to increase participation in and potentially gain wider recognition of NASA employee achievements through prestigious external environmental and energy award programs.

Selection criteria which should be addressed in the nominations are (1) impact to mission, (2) scope of impact, (3) scalability/extensibility, (4) ingenuity/creativity/leadership, and (5) teamwork/collaboration. The nomination form and instructions are available at

<http://netsdata-tt.grc.nasa.gov/nets/index.shtml>.

Please submit final, complete nominations to TA-C3/Maggie Forbes **no later than close of business Dec. 7**. Contact Forbes at 867-3305 or Cassandra Wright at 867-0420 for clarifications and questions.

■ **RehabWorks Presentation** — At 10:30 a.m. **today**, "Breaking Down Low Back Pain" will be presented by RehabWorks intern Michelle Bruner from Mars Hill College. The site is room 1055 in the Operations and Checkout Building. If you have questions about low back injuries, treatment options or preventive exercises, then this is the talk for you. For more information, please call RehabWorks at 867-7497.

■ **Wildlife Refuge Hosts Art Exhibit** — "Watercolor Images of the Refuge" will be the fifth annual exhibition by the Brevard Watercolor Society at the Refuge Visitor Center. Original paintings will be exhibited in the conference room **through Jan. 31**. There are many talented and award-winning artists among the 200-plus members of the society. Paintings will be offered for sale with a portion of the proceeds donated by the artists to the Merritt Island Wildlife Association.

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