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Invitation is out for center director's all-hands meeting

GLAST solar arrays undergo illumination test this week

◆ **Center Director's All-Hands Meeting Set For April 1:** Please join Center Director Bill Parsons at 1 p.m. today on the fifth floor of the Operational Support Building II for a discussion and question-and-answer session on the latest status of the Kennedy Space Center.

Seating allotments were distributed through directorates and contractor offices. The event will be broadcast live on closed-circuit NASA TV, Channel 7, and can be viewed on the Internal home page at <http://portal.ksc.nasa.gov/portal/>.

◆ **ELV Update:** The spacecraft comprehensive performance tests continue on NASA's GLAST. This week, the twin solar arrays will be stowed for flight on Friday and the illumination test of the arrays is scheduled to occur on Saturday. Each array generates 750 watts of power for a total of 1,500 watts, the GLAST spacecraft's maximum power requirement.

At Pad 17-B on Cape Canaveral Air Force Station, the Delta II first stage was hoisted into the launcher March 26. Work to attach the nine strap-on solid rocket boosters in sets of three is under way (below) and will continue until the middle of



this week. Stacking of the second stage is currently planned for Saturday.

■ **Your Feedback Wanted On 2008 KSC All-American Picnic** — Did you enjoy the tigers and the car and motorcycle show? Are your ears still ringing from the loud music? Have an idea how to improve the picnic next year? This is your chance to sound off! While it's still fresh in your mind, go to <http://kscwebsurvey.ksc.nasa.gov/index.cfm?action=survey.SurveyStart&SurveyGroupGUID=bdbd1986-242f-4e1b-9998-1e363b1c05b8> to answer seven multiple choice questions and three fill-in questions. Your comments are important!

■ **NASA Briefing** — NASA will hold a briefing at 2 p.m. Wednesday to preview the activities of the next residents of the International Space Station and to look back at the accomplishments of the current station crew. The briefing will originate from NASA's Johnson Space Center and will be broadcast live on NASA TV.

Conducted on the eve of the docking of the Jules Verne European Automated Transfer Vehicle to the station, the briefing will focus on the upcoming Expedition 17 mission. Expedition 17 Commander Sergei Volkov and Flight Engineer Oleg Kononenko, along with

South Korean Spaceflight Participant So-yeon Yi, will launch April 8 on a Soyuz spacecraft from Kazakhstan. They will join NASA astronaut Garrett Reisman, who has been aboard the station since March 12.

■ **2008 KSC Women's Health Seminar** — Back by popular demand, Dr. Eileen Volpe will discuss menopause and related women's health issues as the featured speaker for the 2008 KSC Women's Health Seminar. The seminar will be held from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. April 9 in the OSB II fifth floor conference room. Women's health information tables by both the KSC Health Education and Wellness Program and Employee Assistance Program will be open from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Dr. Volpe will speak from 11 a.m. to noon and will be available for a short period afterwards for individual questions. Please note the fifth floor conference room will be open to all KSC employees for this event.

■ **O&C Blood Drive** — The blood drive will be held from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. April 10 at the O&C Building. Please bring a photo ID with your first and last name on it. For an appointment, please e-mail Lillian Belmont at LBelmont@floridasbloodcenters.org. Walk-ons are also welcome!

Weather folklore: Thunder on All Fools' Day brings good crops of corn and hay.

Happy April Fools' Day!

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