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Launch date review today



◆ **Shuttle Update:** Shuttle Program officials are meeting today to decide on new target launch dates for space shuttle Atlantis' STS-

125 mission to repair NASA's Hubble Space Telescope and Endeavour's STS-126 mission to the International Space Station. The meeting also will allow the schedule to be set for Atlantis' move to the VAB and then to Launch Pad 39A.

◆ **Exhibits Wanted For Family Day** — All NASA and contractor organizations are invited to set up an exhibit in the O&C Mission Briefing Room for Family Day Oct. 18. If you are interested, please submit the following information to Andres Adorno at

Andres.R.Adorno@nasa.gov: the name of your organization or directorate, the primary POC and a brief description (images of the exhibit are encouraged). Entries must be submitted by Aug. 29.

■ **KSC Fitness Centers' Intercenter Walk/Run** — The KSC Fitness Centers' 2008 Intercenter Walk/Run is scheduled for 5 p.m. Sept. 23 at the Shuttle Landing Facility. The 2 mile walk/run, 5k run and 10k run are free for all Spaceport employees. Register at either fitness center by Sept. 19. Late registration will take place at the race.

Did you know? Recycling one glass jar saves enough electricity to light a conventional 60-watt bulb for four hours or an 11-watt compact fluorescent bulb for 20 hours? Rethink recycling. It matters more than you think.

The rainout date is Oct. 1. The race that day will also begin at 5 p.m. at the Shuttle Landing Facility.

If you are interested in volunteering behind the scenes or have any questions, please call 867-7829 or email

Debra.L.Orringer@nasa.gov. You can reach the O&C Fitness Center at 867-7829 or the OSB Fitness Center at 861-2133.

■ **Blood Drive** — A blood drive will be held in the O&C Building Aug. 20 and 21 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Each participant should bring a photo ID displaying both first and last names.

All blood donors will receive:
 *GNC - 25% off first purchase
 *Dunkin Donuts - coffee coupon
 *La Bella Spa - \$10 gift certificate
 *Fantastic Sams - 50% off adult haircut
 *MomentsByLaFata - wedding and events specialist - free 16x20 portrait
 *Space Coast River Tours - \$10 off scenic river tour (while supplies last)

For medical eligibility questions, please call 1-888-9-DONATE or visit: <http://www.floridabloodcenters.org>.

■ **Upcoming KEA** — On Aug. 28, Fernando Santo will present "Safe and Effective Processing: Avoiding the Common Error" from 10 to 11 a.m. in the KSC Training auditorium hosted by the KSC Engineering Academy. Please send questions and comments to KSC-Engineering-Academy@mail.nasa.gov. To view future listings, or video/PDF versions of past KEA events, please visit: <http://kea.ksc.nasa.gov/>.

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■ **NASA Science** — Have you ever stared up at the night sky, felt a gentle breeze, and wished you could set sail for the stars? Get in line. Many great thinkers from history have had the same idea. This long-held fancy could soon become reality with one solar sail mission on the drawing board and another already on the launch pad, slated to blast off this summer. You can read the full story at: http://science.nasa.gov/headlines/y2008/31jul_solarsails.htm.

■ **Hubble Anniversary** — In commemoration of NASA's Hubble Space Telescope completing its 100,000th orbit during its 18th year of exploration and discovery, scientists aimed Hubble to take a snapshot of a dazzling region of celestial birth and renewal. Hubble peered into a small portion of the Tarantula nebula near the star cluster NGC 2074. The region is a firestorm of raw stellar creation, perhaps triggered by a nearby supernova explosion. It lies about 170,000 light-years away and is one of the most active star-forming regions in our local group of galaxies. For more information, visit: http://www.nasa.gov/home/hqnews/2008/aug/HQ_08-204_Hubble_100k_orbit.html.

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