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Atlantis rolls out to Launch Pad 39A today



◆ Shuttle Update:

Space shuttle **Atlantis** was scheduled to roll out to Launch Pad 39A at 4 a.m. **today** for a targeted May 12 launch of the STS-125 Hubble servicing mission.

◆ **ISS Update:** The two crews aboard the International Space Station will answer questions about their upcoming change of command in a news conference at 10:10 a.m. Wednesday. Expedition 19 Commander Gennady Padalka and Flight Engineer Michael Barratt arrived at the station Saturday to join Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency Astronaut Koichi Wakata, Expedition 18 Commander Michael Fincke and Flight Engineer Yury Lonchakov. Fincke and Lonchakov have been living and working aboard the station since October. They will return to Earth on April 7 with spaceflight participant Charles Simonyi. A U.S. software engineer, Simonyi will spend 10 days on the station under a commercial agreement with the Russian Federal Space Agency. This is his second stay on the station. He also will be available to answer questions during the news conference.

■ **KEA: Overview of USA and Russian Spacesuits** — The Kennedy Engineering Academy hosts Dr. Felix Soto Toro and Jose "Joey" Marmolejo, who will present "Overview of U.S.A. and Russian EVA Spacesuits," from 9 to 10:30 a.m. on April 8 at the KSC Training Auditorium. This presentation will compare past, present and future EVA

spacesuits used by the U.S. and Russian space agencies. NASA and contractor personnel are invited to attend. Questions and comments should be sent 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>.

■ **Exhibits In Mission Briefing Room For Family Day** — Interested in having a booth or display in the Mission Briefing Room, or MBR, during the KSC Family Day on April 18? You need to be a badged employee to have a booth or display in the MBR. Outside organizations or groups will not be badged for booths or displays in the MBR. Space is limited, so reserve your space soon. The deadline to reserve booth space in the MBR is Friday. For more information and to reserve your spot in the MBR, contact Andres Adorno at *Andres.R.Adorno@nasa.gov* or 861-8864.



■ **Earth Day 2009 at KSC** — KSC will celebrate Earth Day on April 22 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the O&C/Mission Briefing Room, Room

1144 and April 23 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the MFF Cafeteria. The theme for this year is "You Can Make a Difference from Earth to Space."

KSC will participate in this nationwide event by hosting approximately 20 vendors, including local and county gov-

ernment personnel, to showcase environmental activities. The celebration will include information about natural resources, energy conservation, recycling, and environmental stewardship, including alternative fuel vehicles and environmentally friendly products. KSC wildlife tours also will be offered each day to a limited number of personnel.

The list of planned vendors includes the following companies and organizations: All About Bamboo; Rechargeable Battery Recycling Corporation; The Green Logo; Blue Earth Solutions; Brevard County Solid Waste Recycling; US Fish & Wildlife Service; Peninsular Paper Company; Grainger International Supply; Creative Recycling Systems; Indian River Lagoon National Estuary Program; Brevard County Office of Natural Resource Management; Wal-Mart; Environmentally Endangered Lands; Dynamac; EG&G; ISC and USA.

■ **Weight Watchers At Work Program** — Weight Watchers is starting a new 16-week series this week in the HQ Bldg./Room 2254. The meetings are every Thursday from 11:30 a.m. to noon. Stop by and check us out! If you have specific questions, please contact Marilyn Clark at 504-2979.

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