



## Planners seek feedback on 2003 All-American Picnic for 2004

▲ **Take the KSC Picnic survey:** We hope you enjoyed all the fun at the 2003 KSC All American Picnic! Now we would like your feedback on the picnic and ideas for next year's picnic. To provide your inputs, just fill in the brief on-line survey at <http://kscpicnic.ksc.nasa.gov/>. Survey inputs will be accepted through close of business Tuesday, May 6.

### ▲ **NASA brings 'Mars at the Mall' to Florida**

**May 9 – 10:** Part of Merritt Square Mall in Merritt Island will take on an unearthly tone during two days of “Mars at the Mall” days presented by NASA May 9 and 10 to celebrate Florida's role as America's gateway to Mars. The event, complete with a 3-D Martian mural, models of NASA Mars rovers and a gallery of Mars pictures, will share excitement about two new rover missions to Mars scheduled to launch from Cape Canaveral in June. Visitors will wear three-dimensional viewing glasses to examine a mural of the Pathfinder landing site and get a sense of the Mars landscape receding in front of them to the horizon. Pictures taken by two orbiting NASA spacecraft, Mars Global Surveyor and Mars Odyssey, will show visitors a sampling of the diversity of Martian surface features. Those two orbiters, both still active, have provided evidence of erosion by liquid water on Mars and of large amounts of ice close to the surface. A meteorite that came from Mars also will be on display. NASA personnel will be available throughout the event to answer questions about Mars exploration. Part of NASA's mission is to inspire the next generation of explorers.

◆ **FEW National Training Program being held in Chicago, July 7-11** – The 34th NTP continues FEW's tradition of excellence in education and networking. This year's theme is "Building Tomorrow's Leaders Today," and new

## Share the excitement of Mars missions at Merritt Island mall

features and programs have been added. Highlights:

- All training linked to OPM leadership competencies.
- Two-Day Single-Subject Super Sessions, Half Day Sessions, or Full Day Sessions.
- Trends and Technology Expo: Showcase for quality government agencies, industries and vendors supporting FEW goals.
- Agency Forums on July 7 & 8: Bring employees together to discuss national initiatives and issues.
- Top-notch trainers: From across the country representing the best from both the federal and private sectors.
- Participants have an opportunity to browse the expo during their break.
- Closing Reception: Leadership and Networking.
- FEW Friday: Members from around the world gather to discuss organizational objectives and new directions.
- Friday Night: Dinner cruise with the National Board of Directors for “a night on the river.”

For more information, contact Barbara Powell (867-7384), Rebecca Fasulo (867-4436), or go on line at [www.fewntp.org](http://www.fewntp.org).

◆ **National Employee Health and Fitness Days (NEHFD)** – This year the events are being held Tuesday and Wednesday, May 13–14 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. This year's theme is “Rejuvenate and Renew through Health and Fitness!” Booths will be set up inside the OSB lobby on May 13 and in the O&C lobby May 14. A raffle drawing for certificates to restaurants and businesses in Brevard County will be given out. Homemade ice cream will be available both days (first come, first served)! Free massages and much more!

◆ **Did You Know?** At completion, the ISS will weigh almost one million pounds.

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Deadlines: 10 a.m. Mondays & Wednesdays. Send information, comments or questions to:

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