NASA’s Commercial Crew Program is working with American companies to build new rockets and spacecraft to launch astronauts into space for missions to the International Space Station. The spaceships launch from Florida and take astronauts about 250 miles above the surface of Earth to perform experiments. Those experiments make our lives better here on the ground and prepare other astronauts for longer missions to places like the Moon and Mars. Learn more about some of the missions and astronauts Commercial Crew plans to launch and return in 2024.

**NASA’s SpaceX Crew-7** launched NASA astronaut Jasmin Moghbeli, ESA (European Space Agency) astronaut Andreas Mogensen, JAXA (Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency) astronaut Satoshi Furukawa, and Roscosmos cosmonaut Konstantin Borisov on Aug. 26, 2023, from Launch Complex 39A at NASA’s Kennedy Space Center in Florida. The international crew of four flew aboard the SpaceX Dragon Endurance spacecraft to the International Space Station for a science expedition before a planned return to Earth in the spring of 2024.

**Jasmin Moghbeli**
NASA Astronaut
Spacecraft Commander
- Selected in 2017
- Crew-7 was Jasmin’s first spaceflight
- Jasmin Moghbeli is the mom of twins and was a Marine helicopter pilot

**Andreas Mogensen**
ESA Astronaut
Pilot
- Selected in 2009
- Spent 10 days in space in 2015 launching on Soyuz TMA-18M and landing on Soyuz TMA-16M
- Andreas Mogensen is the commander for Expedition 70 and is the first person from Denmark to fly to space

**Satoshi Furukawa**
JAXA Astronaut
Mission Specialist
- Selected in 2001
- Spent 165 days aboard the orbiting laboratory in 2011 as a flight engineer with Expeditions 28 and 29. As part of his duties, he helped support the final space shuttle mission, STS-135

**Konstantin Borisov**
Roscosmos Cosmonaut
Mission Specialist
- Selected in 2018
- Crew-7 was Konstantin’s first spaceflight
- Konstantin Borisov is a free diver

A SpaceX Falcon 9 rocket lifts off the pad at 3:27 a.m. EDT on Aug. 26, 2023, from Kennedy Space Center’s Launch Complex 39A in Florida, carrying an international crew of four on NASA’s SpaceX Crew-7 mission to the International Space Station. Photo credit: NASA/Kevin O’Connell & Kevin Davis
For more than a decade, NASA’s groundbreaking Commercial Crew Program (CCP) has led the way toward a new era in human spaceflight, impacting the agency and industry in tremendous ways. Together with commercial partners Boeing and SpaceX, CCP is delivering on its goal to provide safe, reliable, and cost-effective human space transportation to and from the International Space Station in low-Earth orbit, enabling NASA to maximize station utilization, and highlighting the benefits of NASA’s commercial model with industry.

**BUILDING A NEW AMERICAN CAPABILITY**

NASA’s Commercial Crew Program redefined space system development for low-Earth orbit by forming strong public-private partnerships with the aerospace industry encouraging innovation while maintaining NASA’s high safety standards and leveraging NASA’s 50 plus years of spaceflight experience.

**PARALLEL PATH FOR EXPLORATION**

NASA’s work to turn over low-Earth orbit astronaut transportation to commercial companies, like Boeing and SpaceX, allows the agency to use other resources to develop the Orion spacecraft and the Space Launch System rocket for missions into deep space. Both destinations—the International Space Station and deep space—are vital in the nation’s space exploration efforts, and one cannot be successful without the other.

For more information about missions launching to station and returning to Earth, visit our websites below:

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Astronauts

Ages 4-6
Winner

Mahboobi, K
U.S.
Lunar Pioneers: Stars & Stripes on the Moon

February 2024

2nd Place
A Lesson from My Future Self
Lang, Y
U.S.

3rd Place
Selfie Time!
Zhao, Z
Singapore
March 2024

2nd Place
Astronauts
Nguyen Ngoc, M. K.
Vietnam

23rd Place
In the Palm of Your Hand
Bhattacharyya, R
U.S.

Daylight Saving Time Begins
Saint Patrick’s Day
Spring Begins
Easter
Exploring the Solar System

Ages 4-6
Winner

Liu, D
U.S.
Exploring the Solar System

Mehta, A
U.S.

Ages 7-9
Winner
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#### June 2024

- **16**: Father's Day
- **19**: Juneteenth
- **20**: Summer Begins
- **14**: Flag Day

#### Awards

- **2nd Place**
  - **A Space Artist**
  - Thiththika, A
  - India

- **3rd Place**
  - **Even Babies Love to Explore**
  - Shiven, S
  - India
Living and Working in Space

Ages 4-6

Winner

Premarathna, D L
Sri Lanka
Living & Working in the Space

2nd Place
Outer Space Colonization
Mohapatra, A
India

3rd Place
Take a Photo in Space
Wu, D
U.S.
Rocket Launching

October 2024

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

2nd Place

I Need My Space
Ip. Q
U.S.

3rd Place

The Spacecraft
Jellyfish
Maverick-Malunes, A
Philippines
Departure and Return

November 2024

2nd Place
Living & Working in Space
Abid, M. A.
Pakistan

3rd Place
My Space Craft
Layashini, T
India
To Infinite Universe

December 2024

Christmas Day
Hanukkah Begins
New Year’s Eve

2nd Place
The Spacecraft Carrier
Fatima, M
Pakistan

3rd Place
Out of the World
Lin, A
U.S.
First Place Selections

Astronauts: 4-6
Mahboobi, K
U.S.

Exploring the Solar System: 4-6
Liu, D
U.S.

Living and Working in Space: 4-6
Premarathna, D L
Sri Lanka

Rockets and Spacecraft: 4-6
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U.S.

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