



# Roundup

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Johnson Space Center will be hosting its first Open House in nearly four years on April 23. JSC will share with its neighbors how NASA is preparing to lead humans on an unending journey into the cosmos.

"The community is invited to join us for Open House. It's a great opportunity for us to share the Vision for Space Exploration and show how we are working to make it happen," Center Director Lt. Gen. Jefferson D. Howell Jr. said.

Since President Bush's announcement in 2004 of the new Vision for Space Exploration, JSC has made significant progress toward returning the Shuttle to flight, operating the Space Station and participating in efforts to return humans to the Moon, onto Mars and beyond.

Once inside the gates, guests will be able to shake hands with astronauts, tour Mission Control and hold pieces of real space hardware in their hands. Visitors will also have an opportunity to see the science, engineering and human element behind space exploration as full-size models of spacecraft, space hardware and various exhibits will be featured throughout the Center.

In addition, tours will be provided of the Sonny Carter Training Facility, where visitors will have an opportunity to see the Neutral Buoyancy Lab where astronauts train for spacewalks, as well as the NASA facilities at Ellington Field, where the astronauts' training jets are based.

Entry to the Center is free to the public. Open House will run from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Food, beverages and souvenirs will be available for purchase.

Visitors may enter the Center through the main gate located on Saturn Lane just off of NASA Parkway or a second gate located on NASA Parkway and Upper Bay Road. Parking in JSC lots is available at no charge.

Special security measures will be in effect. Large bags, coolers, pets, glass containers and weapons are prohibited on JSC property.

For more information about JSC's Open House, call 281-244-5111 or visit the JSC Web site at: [www.jsc.nasa.gov](http://www.jsc.nasa.gov)



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## Returning the Shuttle to flight

The crew of STS-114 takes a break from training to pose for its crew photo. In front are astronauts Eileen M. Collins (right), commander; Wendy B. Lawrence, mission specialist; and James M. Kelly, pilot. In back are astronauts Stephen K. Robinson (left), Andrew S. W. Thomas, Charles J. Camarda, and Soichi Noguchi, all mission specialists. Noguchi represents the Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency.

*Read about how the crew is preparing for its upcoming mission on pages 8-11.*

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