



American Heritage Week

'Team NASA: Facing the New Millennium-Together!'

The sixth annual American Heritage Week celebration is set to begin June 28. JSC's American Heritage Committee and Team NASA will sponsor the week-long event scheduled to run from June 28 through July 2. Team NASA is an ongoing partnership among JSC civil service employees, contractor employees, and the Clear Lake community.

"American Heritage Week celebrates the diverse heritage of the entire Team NASA," said Equal Opportunity Programs Director Estella Hernandez Gillette. "Employees, families and friends of JSC and our aerospace partners to celebrate the similarities that bring us together as well as the differences that allow us to learn and grow."

Special activities will be held from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. daily during American Heritage Week in the Bldg. 3 cafeteria. Entertainers, including the JSC Town Criers and the Mixteco Ballet Folklorico Dancers, will provide a variety of musical performances.

Exhibits ranging from Apollo memorabilia to wearable art will be on display. The cafeteria will offer a variety of special menus during the week.

The Children's Art Committee encourages children ages 2 - 15 to submit entries depicting the theme "Team NASA: Facing the New Millennium - Together!" The entries will be displayed June 28 - 30 in the lobby of Bldg. 1 and July 1 at the Gilruth Center. Entry forms may be picked up from Paula Scheffman, Mail Code AJ, Bldg. 1, Room 172. All entries must be submitted with an official entry form and must be returned to Scheffman by June 21. Entries will be divided into three age categories (2 - 6, 7 - 10, and 11 - 15). A panel of judges will select the winners. Contact Scheffman at x30601 for additional information.



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ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICAN OBSERVANCE—The Polynesian Cultural Association provided a view of the culture of the South Pacific during JSC's recent observance of Asian Pacific American Month.

The American Heritage Week parade will begin at 1 p.m. July 1 in front of Bldg. 1, travel throughout JSC, and end at 4 p.m. at the Gilruth Center.

The week-long celebration will conclude with the grand finale set for 4 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. July 1 at the Gilruth Center. An American Heritage Week mini-parade, featuring the award-winning Houston Showstoppers Marching Band, will kick off the event.

The grand finale will feature exhibits and simultaneous cultural performances in both the ballroom and the old gym. Employees and their families will enjoy a host of cultural performances including praise dancing, American Indian dancing, and Polynesian dancing. The Arts Alliance Center at Clear Lake will display late 18th- and 19th-century original and replica pieces including painting, quilting, and wood working. Some artists will provide live demonstrations. Free hot dogs, popcorn, and beverages will be available. The event is free.

Throughout the week, and especially during the parade and grand finale on July 1, employees are encouraged to wear clothing depicting their heritage.

Volunteers are still needed to help with exhibits, entertainment, and decorating. To assist with exhibits, contact Georgia Way at x30595; to assist with entertainment, contact Patricia Burke at x30606; and to assist with decorating, contact Scheffman at x30601. ■

Week-Long Activities

11:30 a.m. -12:30 p.m in Bldg. 3

Monday, June 28

Entertainment: FMD Singers
Menu: chicken fried steak, two vegetables, roll, butter, drink
Exhibit: Multicultural

Tuesday, June 29

Entertainment: Abraham's Tree
Menu: Mexican dinner, roll, butter, drink
Exhibit: Needlecrafts/wearable art

Wednesday, June 30

Entertainment: Leapers for Joy
Menu: fried chicken, two vegetables, roll, butter, drink
Exhibit: Art

Thursday, July 1

Entertainment: JSC Town Criers
Menu: Smoked Sausage, German potato salad, sauerkraut, roll, butter, drink
Exhibit: None

Friday, July 2

Entertainment: Mixteco Ballet Folklorico Dancers
Menu: stir fry chicken, salad, roll, butter, drink
Exhibit: Apollo memorabilia

Grand Finale

July 1: 4 - 7:30 p.m. in the Gilruth Center Ballroom and Old Gym
Parade: 1 p.m. - Houston Showstoppers Marching Band

Opening Ceremonies

Native American Invocation	Ms. Powtawche Neengay Williams
Presentation of Colors	Clear Lake High School
National Anthem	Ms. Ashley Dunbar
Welcome	Mr. George W. S. Abbey, Center Director
Mistress of Ceremonies	Dr. June Bennett Larsen

Entertainment

Praise Dancer - Ms. Jennifer Ghee
Polynesian Dancing - Hula Ulu Pua
Jhankar School of Dancing
Singer - Reverend Samuel Antley
American Indian Resource Center Dancers
Houston Highlander Bagpipe Band
Contemporary Gospel Music - Triumph
Silent Ones Singers
O'Maioldigh Irish Dancers
Aldersgate Praise Singers
Ball High Folklorico Dancers
Jr./Sr. Jam Squad Dancers
Lost Souls
Astronaut autographs

Refreshments: Hot dogs, popcorn, beverages

Exhibit (Old Gym): The Arts Alliance Center at Clear Lake



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