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Weather may determine launch probability on Feb. 7



◆ Launch Update:

At press time, Shuttle Launch Weather Officer Kathy Winters reported changes to the L-1 forecast

for a Feb. 7 launch of space shuttle Atlantis. The changes include an increase in the probability of Kennedy Space Center weather prohibiting launch to 70 percent, and an increase in the 24- and 48-hour forecast numbers due to the growing potential of a cold front moving into the Central Florida area north of Kennedy, stalling in the area rather than pushing to the south. Primary concerns are cumulus clouds, showers and an anvil from an inland thunderstorm.

◆ FIRST Lego League Judges

Needed: The Florida State FIRST LEGO League robotics state competition will be held Feb. 17 at Florida Tech. Your help is needed in judging this competition in the following areas:

- Robot Hardware – How well is the robot designed; is it robust, innovative?
- Robot Software – How well is the software designed?
- Teamwork – How effectively does the team work together?
- Research Presentation – The topic for research project is alternative energy.

More information on the competition, judging and a signup form are available on the Web at www.swe-sc.org/FLL. Contact Judy Kersey at judy.kersey@swe.org if you have questions. (This is a Society of Women Engineers managed event.)

Kennedy help needed to judge Lego League competition

■ **Florida Space Day** — This annual event for elected officials to feature Florida's space-related businesses and programs will be held in Tallahassee on March 6. This year's event will highlight special space exhibits and appearances by NASA astronauts. During the daylong event, representatives from Florida's \$43.9 billion aerospace industry are meeting with Florida legislative leaders at the state capitol to share information about this valuable asset and its economic impact on the state.

■ **2008 African-American History Month Luncheon** — The annual luncheon will be held in the Kurt Debus Conference Center at the Kennedy Visitor Complex from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Feb. 29. Guest speaker will be Robert L. Jordan, chairman of the Brevard County School Board. Tickets are \$20 and will be sold until Feb. 21. They can be purchased from the following:

- ◆ *Linnette Daniels*, Hangar N/Room 208, 853-9261
- ◆ *Maxine Daniels*, SSPF Bldg./Room 3228, 867-5976
- ◆ *Valarie Franklin*, O&C Bldg./Room 1020A, 867-7051
- ◆ *Truemilla Johnson*, HQ Bldg./Room 2610, 867-2307
- ◆ *Betty Lee*, HQ Bldg./Room 3441, 867-3677
- ◆ *Bruce Lockley*, Logistics Bldg./Room 3836, 861-1333
- ◆ *Willie Mae Moore*, OSB/Room 4403S1, 861-4862
- ◆ *Leisa Norman*, Hangar I Annex/Room 221, 476-4057

◆ *Wanda Petty*, HQ Bldg./Room 2114C, 867-5188

◆ *Terrasena Jones*, HQ Bldg./Room 3257K, 867-3950

■ **KSC February Heart Health Month Programming** — On Feb. 21, the monthly health education table will be set up at the SSPF cafeteria from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Heart health information will be distributed, along with Go Red For Women registrations, red dress pins and a raffle for an American Heart Association cookbook.



■ **KSC Public Inquiries** — Kennedy employees are reminded to forward any e-mail inquiries that they receive from members of the public to public-inquiries@ksc.nasa.gov, especially when the content is outside the scope of their program or project and functional roles and responsibilities.

■ **The National Space Club** — Center Director Bill Parsons will be the guest speaker for the Feb. 12 lunch meeting of the National Space Club at 11:30 a.m. in the Oceanfront DoubleTree Hotel in Cocoa Beach. For reservations, contact LaDonna Neterer at 321-383-6135 or send an e-mail to LaDonna.J.Neterer@boeing.com.

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