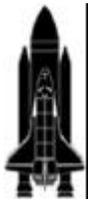


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Launch of Discovery ready to go Dec. 16; Endeavour rolls out for January launch



Center Director to brief workforce on KSC 2000 reorganization



▲ **Shuttle Update:** Over the weekend, workers at Launch Pad 39B completed inspections and leak checks on Shuttle Discovery's replaced liquid hydrogen recirculation line. Launch managers at KSC planned to begin the 43-hour countdown today at 1:30 a.m. for Thursday's launch attempt at 9:18 p.m.

▲ **Shuttle Update 2:** Endeavour was transported to Launch Pad 39A early yesterday morning (see photo at right). Preparations are under way at the pad for launch of STS-99, the Shuttle Radar Topography Mission, in January.



◆ **Due to changes** in the launch schedule and the availability of selected stakeholders, especially a number of our workforce who will be focused on the upcoming Shuttle and ELV launches, Mr. Bridges will brief our workforce regarding the KSC 2000 Reorganization on Monday, Dec. 20, from 1 to 2:30 p.m. in the Universe Theater at the KSC Visitor Complex. The presentation will be televised live on closed circuit TV, channel 7, and will be recorded. Copies will be made available through KSC Public Affairs by calling 867-3354.

All personnel need to recognize that the briefing will only contain a top-level organization structure and the basic functions and responsibilities of each. Over the

next 8 weeks, beginning in January, the implementation teams will identify specifically where each employee will work in the new KSC 2000 organization.

Seating for the presentation is limited and allocations will be prorated to each first-line Director. If you are interested in attending, please look for information from your directorates. For those attending the presentation in the Universe Theater, bus transportation will be provided from the Industrial and the LC-39 areas. Pick-up will be from the HQ, O&C and SSPF buildings at 12:30 p.m., and from the LCC, OSB and Logistics buildings at 12:15 p.m. Riders should immediately report back to the drop-off point at the Visitor Complex Early Space Exploration Building upon conclusion of the presentation for return to pick-up points. Use of the provided bus transportation is encouraged due to limited parking and anticipated heavy tourist traffic. If you do drive your own vehicle, please park in Parking Area #5 and enter through the main entrance. Turn left after going through the entrance lobby and proceed to the Universe Theater.

Mr. Bridges and your KSC 2000 Team invite and encourage everyone's attention, either at the presentation or by viewing it on TV. For those viewing on TV, questions or comments may be e-mailed to KSC 2000 on the global address list following the presentation. Briefing slides and related information will be published on the KSC 2000 Web Site immediately following the presentation. **If for any reason, the scheduled time and place has to be changed, employees will be notified ASAP.**

◆ **Did You Know?** The KSC Post Office will be closed Dec. 24, 27, 30 and 31. It will be open, however, on Dec. 28 and 29.

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