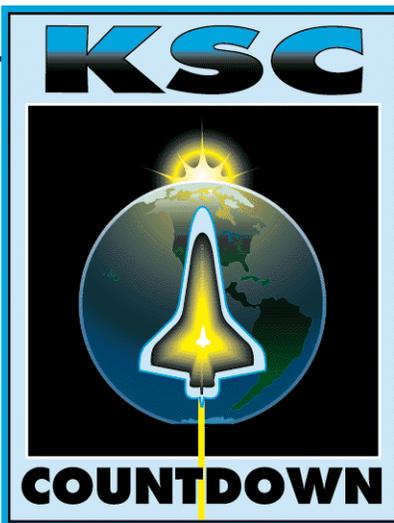


Mercury-bound, solar-powered spacecraft coming to KSC



Annual All-American Picnic offers food, games in March

▲ **ELV Update:** The MESSENGER spacecraft is scheduled to arrive at KSC March 10. It then goes to Astrotech in Titusville for processing. MESSENGER is a NASA Discovery mission to conduct the first orbital study of the innermost planet, Mercury. It is due to launch May 11 from Cape Canaveral Air Force Station on a Delta II Heavy rocket.

▲ KSC Annual All American Picnic on the way:



Mark your calendars! The KSC Annual All American Picnic takes place 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, March 27, at KARS Park I. Bring your family for a day full of activities, entertainment and fun, featuring a children's

carnival and games, community demonstrations, the annual chili cook-off, bands, rock wall-climbing, family sports, a car show and much more. Keep your eyes and ears open in the very near future for more information regarding the picnic.

◆ **Engineering awards** – The Canaveral Council of Technical Societies is holding its 2004 Engineers' Week Awards Banquet at 6 p.m. Feb. 20 in the Manatee Room of the Holiday Inn Oceanfront, Cocoa Beach. Being presented are Engineer of the Year and Tal Webb awards, given annually to an individual who has made a significant improvement or advancement in a process benefiting the government or a company, and to a senior level manager-executive who led a large organization or group to achieve significant accomplishments in local defense or space. Individual reservations are \$24 per person and can be made at

<http://www.canaveralcts.org/EngineerInvite.htm>, or

contact Tal Webb by close of business Feb. 16 by calling 452-3717 or e-mailing webbj@asme.org. For more information, call the CCTS Office, 868-1623.

◆ Mammograms at KSC (screening for breast cancer)

– Women's Center for Radiology will have a mobile mammography unit at KSC on Tuesday, Feb. 17. All mammograms will be interpreted by radiologists. These mammograms are **screening only**, not diagnostic. Insurance can be filed. The van will be located in the southwest corner of the parking lot behind the Headquarters Building. To schedule an appointment or for more information, call 1-800-367-1870. If you have any questions, please contact Carol Roth, 867-3414.

◆ Did You Know? Earth Science Enterprise Training (ES) is being made available for NASA KSC employees:

Course: Earth Science Enterprise Training (same instructors as APPL/NET course)

Date: Feb. 23-27 (5 days)

Location: Comfort Inn, Cocoa Beach

Description: An integrated view of Earth Science mission design and operations, from conceptual design and requirements definition to spacecraft design, development and test, and development of mission operations concepts and ground infrastructure capabilities. It emphasizes the compatibility of space mission concepts and architectures to provide users with what they need in the most cost-effective manner possible. The course also offers a process-oriented approach for creating cost-effective space missions to meet unclear objectives.

Those interested in attending should use the NORS (NASA Online Registration System) to request attendance. Registration closes Feb. 16.