

## Mission Patch Contest

### Mission:

With every space flight, astronaut crews get to design a unique and personalized mission patch to represent their mission. These patches include information on the mission's purpose, the space vehicle, and the mission number. Each patch is unique in its shape and colors. Here is your chance to design your very own mission patch.

### Things to Consider:

Imagine you are part of an astronaut crew partaking in a future NASA mission. Think about these questions: What will your mission accomplish? Will you run any experiments? If so, what type? What will you encounter on your mission? Another option is to highlight one or more of Space Explorers' programs, including Mission: Solar System (Mars Explorer, Marslink®, Moonlink®, NEARlink®), Orbital Laboratory®, or K-3 Space®.



### Successful patches should contain the following:

1. A picture that shows the purpose of your mission and your space launch vehicle.
2. A 1-2 sentence mission objective summary.
3. A mission number.
4. The first names of the members of your crew (**no last names please**).

### Contest Rules:

1. All entries must be postmarked by Friday, December 8, 2006.
2. Students may work in groups or individually to design their patch.
3. Please limit the size of the mission patch to one side of an 8.5" X 11" piece of paper.
4. On the back of the entry, include **teacher's name, school name and address, student's name(s), and grade level**. (If an electronic entry is submitted, include this information in the e-mail).
5. Include one [Submission Release Form](#) with your class' submission.
6. Please include a note if you would like us to send back your original entries.

### Judging Criteria:

All entries will be judged by the Space Explorers staff. The submissions will be judged according to two grade categories:

- 4<sup>th</sup>- 6<sup>th</sup> grade
- 7<sup>th</sup> grade - High School

The mission patches will be judged on creativity, design, and following the project guidelines.

Submit entries via e-mail to [elizabeth@space-explorers.com](mailto:elizabeth@space-explorers.com) or mail entries to the following address:

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**Awards:**

The winners will be notified by mail with a Certificate of Achievement in January 2007. The first place mission patch in each division will be made into an actual patch. The teacher will be sent 100 of these patches in March 2007. Also, the winning submissions will be showcased on the Space Explorers website.