2007 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 and goals. 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 Mars Explorer, Marslink®, Moonlink®, NEARlink®, or Orbital Laboratory®.

Successful patches should contain the following:

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

Contest Rules:

- All entries must be postmarked by Friday, December 14, 2007.
- Students may work in groups or individually to design their patch.
- Please limit the size of the mission patch to one side of an 8.5" X 11" piece of paper.
- 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).
- Include one Submission Release Form with your class' submission.
- 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 mission patches will be judged on creativity, design, and following the project guidelines. The submissions will be judged according to two grade categories: 4th- 6th grade and 7th grade - high school.

Submit entries via e-mail to 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 2008. 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 2008. Also, the winning submissions will be showcased on the Space Explorers' website.