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GENESIS MISSION ANNOUNCES WEB SITE LAUNCH

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The NASA Genesis mission announces the launch of its Web site on the Internet at <http://genesismission.jpl.nasa.gov>. Genesis is part of NASA's Discovery series, which includes missions to sample materials from the moon, planets and comets.

Created and maintained by educators at the Mid-continent Regional Educational Laboratory in Aurora, Colorado, the Web site presents a variety of resources for the science enthusiast. For science educators, the site offers quality standards-based instructional materials.

"The Genesis mission Web site is one that every science teacher must visit. I was impressed with the creative format and links to valuable information," notes Terry Behrendt, past president of the Kansas Association of Teachers of Science. "The real excitement is about the process that we will be going through to develop a better understanding of our solar system and universe."

In addition to educators, Genesis partners Jet Propulsion Laboratory, Johnson Space Center, Los Alamos National Laboratory, and Lockheed Martin Astronautics offer information online.

The goal of the Genesis Web site is to inform and involve the public in a mission that will reveal clues to the conditions present at the very beginning of our solar system. The site is launched with a public contest to design a mission patch.

Because the Genesis mission is long-term, the Web site offers the opportunity to follow a NASA mission from the present time of launch preparation, to the day of launch in January 2001 and beyond. Site interaction with the mission continues with news on the airborne capture of the return capsule in August 2003, followed by information on the study and analysis of the solar material through 2005.

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