

Reach for the Stars Rocket Contest Deadline Approaches



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Press Release Summary: The only thing that draws more attention than a rocket launch – is a rocket contest. Deadlines for the national Reach for the Stars Rocket Contest are approaching fast. The October Sky Festival Celebration deadline is September 10th and for Kennedy Space Center - Astronaut Hall of Fame Celebration it is October 10th 2008. The contest runs continuously with annual deadlines for each celebration. Compete locally. Celebrate nationally. Contestants get to build and launch a rocket at a local event. Their results are entered into the national contest.

Local rocket contest hosts and sponsors are needed. Sponsors receive recognition and the satisfaction of Helping Kids Reach for the Stars.

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The deadline for entering the Reach for the Stars Rocket Contest is approaching fast - but there is still time. Contestants who wish to try for a spot at the October Sky Festival Celebration now have until September 10th 2008 to launch their rockets and submit their entry. Contestants who wish to celebrate at the Kennedy Space Center - Astronaut Hall of Fame have until October 10th 2008. The contest runs continuously with annual deadlines for each celebration choice.

Compete locally. Celebrate nationally. The Reach for the Stars Rocket Contest is designed to be run by local organizations such as schools, museums, scouts and youth groups. It is safe, easy and affordable. Everyone benefits. All contestants get a reusable Estes rocket as well as the unforgettable experience of building and launching a solid-fuel powered model hundreds of feet into the sky. They also receive a commemorative achievement certificate - suitable for framing. Each certificate bears the inspirational quote from Christa McAuliffe, "Push yourself as far as you can. Reach for the stars!" Sponsors receive recognition and the satisfaction of Helping Kids Reach for the Stars. The only thing that draws more attention than a rocket launch - is a rocket contest. These events are often covered by the news media.

Running a local event is as easy as 3, 2, 1. Three - find at least twelve competitors age 10 to adult and order supplies. Two - build and launch your rockets. Closest landing to the target wins! One - award certificates and prizes. Send the winner's information to contest headquarters. Everyone remembers their first rocket launch. What other activity can you say that about?

National winners can choose to celebrate their success by receiving their trophy from famed author Homer Hickam (Rocket Boys, October Sky) in Coalwood, West Virginia at the October Sky Festival. Or they can receive their trophy at the Astronaut Hall of Fame and celebrate at the Kennedy Space Center Visitor Complex during the Space and Air Show. They will also receive a Space Shuttle Challenger commemorative coin as well as other prizes. Winners get to launch their rockets from historic spots as part of the celebration. National contest director, Jack Colpas says this gives



them, "memories to last a lifetime and bragging rights for generations to come!"

Special pricing makes the contest very affordable - contest fees waived when ordering from The Rocketman. In most cases the cost of the rocket kit, supplies for two launches, achievement certificate and contest registration is less than the list price of the rocket kit alone. A step-by-step video and on-line help, supplied free with order, are available to guide you. The contest is for ages ten to adult. There are three levels of difficulty from beginner to experienced rocketeer. These levels are determined by rocket model choice. Time and supplies are limited. Get started now. More information is at www.TheRocketman.net.

Jack and Kathy Colpas, co-directors of the Helping Kids Reach for the Stars model rocketry program are retired public school educators. The goal of the program is to give kids the unique educational experience of building and launching a solid-fuel powered rocket. The program is designated as an Educational Outreach of the Christa McAuliffe Challenger Center.

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