

MISSION PATCHES

An important part of team building for an astronaut crew is designing a mission patch. Each patch is unique, as it portrays each crew and their mission objective. Many other teams at NASA create mission patches as well. For instance, a certain science team or an ISS crew will create their own patch. A mission patch can also be designed by your crew/class to symbolize their upcoming mission at the Challenger Learning Center.

The following information should be included on your school’s mission patch:

* Name of school
* Name of teacher
* Mission date
* Grade level
* On the back of the patch include a brief paragraph explaining the significance of the symbols chosen

**Internet Resources:**

**NASA Mission Patches**

<http://www.hq.nasa.gov/office/pao/History/mission_patches.html>

 **Shuttle Mission Patch Images and Descriptions**

<http://www.nasa.gov/mission_pages/shuttle/shuttlemissions/list_main.html>

* Select the year, then click on “In-Depth Mission Coverage” for desired mission, click on Mission Imagery from navigation bar on right

**Patch Ideas:**

* Individual students or teams may create patches and then have the class vote on only one to represent the whole group.
* Scan the patch into a computer and create mission T-shirts.
* Duplicate the patch and let each student wear one on the mission day.

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Teacher:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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