



FACT SHEET

Manned Space Flight Education Foundation and Space Center Houston

The Manned Space Flight Education Foundation is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit with an extensive science education program and a space museum. The cornerstone of its science education mission is Space Center Houston, dubbed the “Big Draw” by USA Today in 2014. It is one of Houston’s top attractions, the Official Visitor Center of NASA Johnson Space Center, Houston’s first and only Smithsonian Affiliate and a TripAdvisor Certificate of Excellence awardee.



Since opening in 1992, Space Center Houston has welcomed nearly 17 million people and hosts more than 800,000 visitors annually in its 183,000-square-foot educational entertainment complex. It has a \$45 million annual economic impact on the greater Houston area according to a 2010 study by a University of Houston-Clear Lake economist.

Fun and engaging education

Educational emphasis is placed on science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) in

a fun and engaging way. It uses space exploration to inspire wonder and interest in science and math.

- More than 100,000 teachers and students from around the world visit the center annually to take part in extraordinary learning opportunities.
- Inspiring young people to choose careers in STEM is one of the outcomes of our program, which is led by a doctor of education.
- Education programs are based on data-supported evidence of effective learning and teaching methods.

Entertainment complex and space museum

The center features more than 400 space artifacts as well as numerous permanent and traveling exhibits, attractions and theaters related to the exciting future and remarkable past of America’s human space-flight program – all for one admission price. The experience is designed to engage adults and children alike.

- There is always something new at Space Center Houston with an amazing array of traveling exhibits and astounding events.
- Space Center Houston has the world’s largest collection of moon rocks and lunar samples for public view.
- Known around the world as the home of NASA Mission Control, International Space Station Mission Control and astronaut training, guests are taken behind the scenes to see NASA Johnson Space Center.

International landmark to open in 2015

The shuttle carrier aircraft and shuttle complex opens in 2015 and will be an unprecedented, international landmark standing over eight stories tall and displayed in the carry configuration. Visitors will be able to explore exhibits inside both the shuttle and SCA – an experience unique in the world.

A \$12 million capital campaign is ongoing to create the SCA and shuttle complex. The public is encouraged to participate by donating. Contact Space Center Houston’s Development Department at 281-244-2126.

