

FREE MATERIALS AND SERVICES FROM NASA

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Abstract: From NASA, educators can obtain free space shuttle tiles for dynamic classroom lessons, can borrow exhibits ranging from Apollo spacesuits to large-scale space shuttle models, and can arrange for an on-site visit by a mobile aeronautics laboratory. A sample letter of inquiry and contact information are provided.

NASA Materials On Loan

NASA's Johnson Space Center (JSC) will loan materials and exhibits ranging from Apollo spacesuits to large-scale space shuttle models. Exhibited at the 33rd GLPA Conference were a loaned space shuttle tile, a spacesuit layer folder, and printed information about the space shuttle's thermal protection system.

For additional information and loan applications, access the Internet site of the JSC Education and Information Services Branch at www.jsc.nasa.gov/pao/exhibits.

The MAEL Must Go Through

NASA's Lewis Research Center has a 53 ft. mobile classroom with nine workstations related to aeronautics that is available to educators. Pre-visit, on-site, and post-visit activities correspond to a cross country flight theme.

Parties requesting the Mobile Aeronautics Education Laboratory (MAEL) must meet the terms of an agreement. To request an application, write the MAEL Scheduling Coordinator, Lewis Research Center, 2100 Brookpark Rd., MS 7-4, Cleveland, OH, 44135. The phone number is 216-433-5267.

Free Space Shuttle Tiles

NASA will give educators two free space shuttle tiles (one black, one white) if the tiles are used for dynamic classroom instruction, as opposed to a static display. Tiles are distributed only to non-profit educational institutions. Tiles are not available to associations, organizations, societies, or other comparable entities.

To request a set of tiles, send a letter on school stationery, comparable to the example shown below, and signed by the school principal/dean.

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Patricia Patton
NASA Johnson Space Center
Mail Code JB3
Houston, TX 77058

Dear Ms. Patton,

On behalf of Garfield Heights High School, a non-profit educational institution, I would like to request two (one white, one black) space shuttle tiles. I understand the tiles must stay at the school and are not the property of any teacher or school administrator. Furthermore, the tiles are to be used dynamically for instructional purposes and are not for a static display.

I appreciate your aiding our educational mission.

Sincerely,

Principal, Garfield Heights High School
