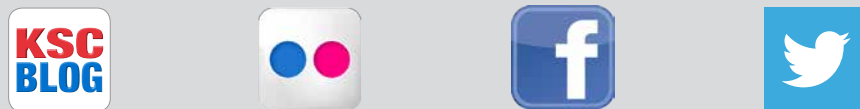


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NASA'S LAUNCH SCHEDULE

Date: March 1, 11:27 p.m. EST
Mission: Expedition 46 Undocking and Landing
Description: One-Year Mission crew members NASA astronaut Scott Kelly and Russian cosmonaut Mikhail Kornienko will conclude 340 days aboard the International Space Station, returning in the Soyuz TMA-18M spacecraft along with Russian cosmonaut Sergey Volkov. Kelly and Kornienko arrived at the station March 27, 2015, and Volkov joined the crew aboard the orbiting laboratory Sept. 4, 2015. Landing is scheduled at 11:27 p.m. ET (4:27 UTC and 10:27 a.m. local time in Kazakhstan on March 2).
<http://go.nasa.gov/1WSctSC>

Date: March 10, 3:08 a.m. EST
Mission: Orbital ATK CRS-6
Description: Orbital ATK's sixth contracted cargo resupply mission with NASA to the International Space Station will deliver science and research, crew supplies and vehicle hardware to the orbital laboratory and its crew.
<http://blogs.nasa.gov/orbital/>

Date: September 2016
Mission: OSIRIS-REx
Description: The mission will study Bennu, a near-Earth asteroid that is about one-third of a mile across. OSIRIS-REx will bring a small sample back to Earth for study. As planned, the spacecraft will reach its asteroid target in 2018 and return a sample to Earth in 2023.
<http://go.nasa.gov/1ItsRkl>

Date: October 2016
Mission: Geostationary Operational Environmental Satellite-R Series (GOES-R)
Description: The advanced spacecraft and instrument technology used on the GOES-R series will result in more timely and accurate forecasts and warnings.
<http://go.nasa.gov/1YubP2g>

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