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DESTINATION STATION: BRINGING THE INTERNATIONAL SPACE STATION TO
COMMUNITIES ACROSS THE UNITED STATES.

Abstract

Destination Station is NASA's International Space Station Program national awareness traveling exhibit campaign that promotes research opportunities, educates communities in the United States about activities performed on the International Space Station, and communicates the real and potential impacts of the station on our everyday lives.

In three years, Destination Station visited eight communities engaging over 750,000 people and produced tens of millions of media impressions. In 2014, three more community visits are planned.

Destination Station connects people with their place in space and communicates the real and potential benefits of the station to life on earth. Hands-on activities, imagery and audio/visual technology demonstrate to visitors life aboard a microgravity laboratory. They also learn how the space station operates as the result of a peaceful international partnership of five space agencies representing 15 countries.

Destination Station is NASA's effort to inform and energize the public about the discoveries produced by the International Space Station. Orbiting 260 miles above Earth, the space station is the largest spacecraft ever built. A portion of the U.S. segment of the International Space Station is a National Laboratory where astronauts and scientists from around the world conduct experiments in a microgravity environment on human health, life and physical science, earth and space science, as well as technologies for enabling future exploration.