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Public invited to celebrate 40th anniversary of moon landing

BAY AREA HOUSTON, TEXAS – The date was July 20, 1969. It was the first time that a human set foot on an alien world, and life on Earth took a cosmic leap forward toward discovering the makeup of the universe. In honor of NASA’s historic mission to the moon, Space Center Houston and the Houston Bay Area are holding an *Apollo 11 40th Anniversary Splashdown Celebration* on July 24, 2009. Space Center Houston, along with other aerospace members of the Bay Area Houston Economic Partnership, has joined with the Clear Lake Chamber of Commerce in planning this very special evening.

The celebration is geared toward family fun with hot dogs, moon pies and music by The Rockit Scientists and astronaut band Bandella. Special Apollo-era guest speakers will present a first-hand account of the excitement of that day and their hope for future space “firsts.” Space Center Houston exhibits will also be open and will include *The Cinema of George Lucas – A New Famous Movie Artifact Exhibit*. Guests are invited to get into the spirit of the celebration by wearing an Apollo 11 commemorative t-shirt or dressing in 1960s style fashion.

There are a limited number of tickets available to this once-in-a-lifetime event. A bargain at only \$11.00, with children four and under admitted free, tickets can be purchased online at <http://www.spacecenter.org/apollo11anniversary.html>. The fun lasts from 6:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m., and the program begins at 7:00 p.m. Come celebrate mankind’s first step on the ladder to the stars!

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Bay Area Houston Economic Partnership is a member-driven organization that provides the leadership to stimulate regional economic development and employment in southeast Texas. Its members include more than 260 investor companies, business professionals, local governments, and educational institutions encompassing 13 cities, Galveston and Harris counties, and the Port of Houston Authority. Visit www.bayareahouston.com.

Space Alliance Technology Outreach Program is administered by the Bay Area Houston Economic Partnership. It is a State of Texas funded initiative designed to transfer the knowledge and technology of the U.S. Space Program to small businesses to solve technical challenges they are unable to solve themselves. Visit www.spacetechnologies.com/bahep.