



## Press Release

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### **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE** **Tulsa Air and Space Museum has countdown to launch Shuttle Trainer!**

NASA has selected Tulsa to be the new home for a full-size Space Shuttle Crew Compartment Trainer used to train astronauts during the Shuttle Program. This follows an impressive effort by the Air and Space Museum to obtain one of the retired Space Shuttle vehicles in 2008 with the “Land the Shuttle” campaign. The deadline to bring the Shuttle Trainer to Tulsa is September 2021, with plans for the preparation and content development to create an exciting new element to the museum.

Tulsa is no stranger to space exploration as many Space Shuttle and Apollo Mission components were manufactured in Tulsa. Supporting the Air and Space Museum’s educational mission, the Shuttle Trainer exhibit will emphasize problem-solving concepts and inspire visitors to pursue career paths in science, technology, engineering and mathematics as well as feeding the imagination of exploring space’s outer limits! The Shuttle Trainer will honor those who designed, built and flew in American’s Space Shuttle Program and lends an exciting look into the future as humans pursue space exploration.

The Shuttle Trainer is a high-fidelity life-size replica of the Shuttle nose, cockpit and crew compartment of a shuttle, and will be an impressive crown jewel of the Air and Space Museum’s NASA collection! The Shuttle Trainer exhibit will host educational programs and be used for special and private events in and around the artifact. Visit [tulsamuseum.org/Shuttle](https://tulsamuseum.org/Shuttle) to learn more.

To join the many generous donors who honored the remarkable story of the shuttle program, visit <https://www.tulsamuseum.org/donate/>

There is always something new to see at The Tulsa Air and Space Museum. Go to our [Visitor Info](#) page for ticket prices and tips to enjoy your visit. Tulsa Air and Space Members will enjoy a preview of the exhibit before it opens to the public. Purchase a [Membership](#) for as little as \$65 and become a part of the mission. Return free as often as you like during the year with free parking, special events and much more.



### **About the Museum**

With a mission to preserve Oklahoma's aerospace history and to inspire science-based learning through discovery, the Tulsa Air and Space Museum & Planetarium (TASM) has carved out a unique niche in the Oklahoma museum community, with our focus on the aviation/aerospace industry, which is the second largest employer in the state. TASM has been exposing students to real-world applications of STEM for over 15 years. Last year, more than 33,000 students participated in STEM engagement, consisting of museum tours, hands-on activities, interactive exhibits, inspirational messages and planetarium educational programming.

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