

The Centennial Rocket Project is underway for the 2012-2013 school year, and New Mexico Centennial and the New Mexico History Museum are thrilled to be working with 100 New Mexico teachers on this exciting project for New Mexico students.

The Centennial Rocket Project is a multi-faceted project that includes one Large Model Rocket (LMR) to each participating school (one rocket per school) complete with instructions for assembly, an accompanying lesson plan/curriculum focusing on New Mexico's rich history in rocketry and science, a commemorative classroom poster and a copy of the classic inspirational film *October Sky*. The kit also includes special commemorative bracelets for students directly involved in the building of each rocket.

The Centennial Rocket Project was created in hopes of truly uniting New Mexico's school children and educators in celebration as they launch their LMR from their respective schools - 100 in all, simultaneously across New Mexico at 10:30am, on Thursday, October 11, 2012. The countdown for the launch will be provided by the crewmembers on the ISS (International Space Station), thanks to NASA, and transmitted statewide through the airwaves of KUNM in Albuquerque, KRWG in Las Cruces and KENW IN Portales.

This unique 2012 project not only commemorates New Mexico's Centennial, but has been designed to heighten awareness of and commemorate another special anniversary; the 40th Anniversary of Apollo 17. The Museum of Space History in Alamogordo, NM, is also on board with the Centennial Rocket Project, and will be providing *Space Trails* information for each participating teacher's classroom.

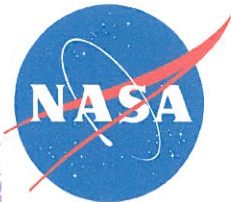
Thank you for your participation in this exciting and unique educational project. With 100 teachers representing nearly every county in New Mexico participating in this project, it's sure to commemorate New Mexico's Centennial with a blast!

"Centennial Rocket Project: 100 rockets, 100 schools, 100 years of New Mexico's statehood!"



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