

DAILY PLANET

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Chandra X-ray Observatory ready for Tuesday launch

The Chandra X-ray Observatory has been declared ready for launch following the successful completion of a final simulation that included all aspects of the Shuttle mission involving Chandra — from countdown through placing the observatory in its final operating orbit. A separate simulation involving the Inertial Upper Stage booster also was successfully completed. Chandra is set to launch Tuesday at 12:36 EDT aboard Space Shuttle Columbia.

Visit 'Inside Marshall' for complete Saturday picnic information

Space Shuttle Projects Office all-hands meeting, Thurs., 9:30-11:30 a.m., Morris Aud.

Chandra Quick Facts

The Chandra X-ray Observatory's operating orbit will take it 200-times higher than the Hubble Space Telescope. During each orbit of the Earth, Chandra will travel one-third of the way to the Moon. Chandra status updates can be found on the Internet at: <http://chandra.nasa.gov>

5 days to Chandra launch!

Blood drive postponed until July 23