

## Space Nation begins astronaut-led space missions in Midland, Texas

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**Midland, Texas Apr 5, 2023 ([IssueWire.com](https://www.issuewire.com))** - Space Nation's first astronaut-led pilot mission is taking off right here in Midland at the end of the month. The three-day pioneer moon mission will be led by Space Nation's Chief Instructor and former NASA astronaut, Gregory H. Johnson. The participating crew members will take part in a hands-on experience starting Friday, April 28, 2023, with activities at the Petroleum Museum, Midland Air & Space Port, and Kepler Aerospace, among others. Space Nation's scenario-based field simulations aim to advance space exploration training and research.

Before the first mission in West Texas launches, Space Nation is happy to share with the community that its chosen Midland as a permanent location to expand its commercial and business development activities. The company is one of the newest additions to the growing West Texas space ecosystem. Midland's Spaceport acts as a hub for nine surrounding spaceports, with the likes of Blue Origin and Virgin Galactic launch sites to the West and NASA and SpaceX to the Southeast, Midland is perfectly situated as a center of activity and will continue to be a test bed for future missions to the Moon and Beyond.

West Texans have a deeply engrained history of pioneering spirit and a rich skillset relating to the energy industry. Space Nation plans to explore on its missions drilling water ice on the Moon to produce rocket fuel and extract minerals to build equipment, habitats, and spaceships, the skills and experience

refined through generations in the oil and gas industry are at the center of our expansion to the solar system.

Space Nation's Captain & Co-Founder, Kalle Vähä-Jaakkola, sums it up best: “Midland connects the resourcefulness of pioneers, the boldness of wildcatters, and the ingenuity of the oil and gas industry uniquely. These skills and attitudes built the modern world and build our future cities and industries in space. As Midland once was the pathway to the western expansion of the United States, it will now be the pathway to humanity’s expansion to space, making Midland one of a kind place on Earth.”

The public is invited to connect and learn more about the upcoming Moon Pioneers Mission before April 28, 2023. Media and news details can be found on page 2.

## **About Space Nation**

SPACE NATION INC. is a space exploration training company that offers otherworldly missions for future astronauts, teams, leaders, and adventure travelers to share the world-changing benefits of space with everyone. Space Nation was the first space travel company to become a member of the UNWTO and is an official partner of NASA; it organized astronaut-led expeditions in Iceland at the training grounds of Neil Armstrong and, in 2018, launched a global astronaut training app that over 50,000 people used for training their physical, mental, and social abilities. Space Nation’s greater mission is to establish communities beyond Earth and human-lead industrial operations across the solar system, and to connect people on Earth to that future by sharing the life-changing benefits of space with everyone. Space Nation sees Midland in the center of this future. Space Nation is currently located in Colorado, USA.

<http://moonpioneers.spacenation.org/>

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## **Links to past articles:**

Kepler Aerospace, Space Nation to offer space simulations in Midland

<https://www.expressnews.com/business/article/kepler-aerospace-space-nation-offer-space-17845571.php#photo-23581113>

How I, a 26-year-old writer with a crippling existential fear of space, trained to be an astronaut

<https://www.wired.co.uk/article/space-nation-astronaut-training-app-nasa>

I’m Going on Two Near-Arctic Adventures to Train My Astronaut Skills – and You Could Too!

<https://thetraveltester.com/arctic-adventures-astronaut-experiences/>

Space Nation enlists NASA’s help with the astronaut training app

<https://spacenews.com/space-nation-enlists-nasas-hep-with-astronaut-training-app/>

Former NASA Astronaut Greg “Box” Johnson becomes Space Nation’s chief space officer

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