

Inaugural Moon Pioneers Mission Launches from Midland, Texas, Amidst Space Nation Day Celebrations



Midland, Texas May 16, 2024 ([Issuewire.com](https://www.issuewire.com)) - The anticipation builds as Midland, Texas, prepares to host the inaugural Moon Pioneers Mission, set to launch on May 17th, 2024, at the Midland International Air & Space Port. Against the backdrop of the 2nd annual Space Nation Day celebrations, participants from different backgrounds will embark on a three-day simulated space mission with former NASA astronaut Michael "Bueno" Good as their Astronaut Advisor, marking a significant milestone in the realm of human space exploration training in West Texas.

The 12-member crew, known as the "Lunar Vanguard," has been carefully selected for their unique skills and expertise. Each member brings a specific set of talents, ranging from scientific research and engineering to leadership and communication. The convergence of tradition and innovation is palpable as crew members from the University of Texas Permian Basin (UTPB) to participants across Texas and spanning the breadth of the United States to Europe come together. The Lunar Vanguard embodies the spirit of exploration and teamwork, working together to overcome challenges and achieve the mission's objectives.

"The Lunar Vanguard represents the epitome of collaboration and determination," said Kalle Vaha-Jaakkola, Captain & co-founder at Space Nation. "Their diverse backgrounds and skill sets make them the perfect team to embark on this simulated space exploration mission. We are excited to see how they will tackle the challenges ahead and inspire others to reach for the stars."

Through rigorous training and simulated missions, participants will develop the skills and resilience required for real-life space travel. This immersive experience will provide valuable insights into the complexities of space exploration and foster a sense of wonder and curiosity about the universe.

The mission itinerary promises three days of immersive activities, including mission-specific training, simulated lunar missions, and exploration at The Petroleum Museum, where the story of energy intertwines with the quest for space exploration.

In the words of Kalle Vähä-Jaakkola, "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 will 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 Petroleum Museum invites everyone to join the Moon Pioneers Mission's public program at The Petroleum Museum, on Sunday, May 19th starting at 2 pm.

For more information on the May 19th 2nd Annual Space Nation Day at The Petroleum Museum, visit [the event page](#).

For more information and to join the mission, visit [Space Nation's website](#).

About Space Nation:

Space Nation is a pioneering space exploration training company committed to sharing the world-changing benefits of space with everyone. Through immersive experiences, Space Nation empowers future astronauts, teams, leaders, and adventure travelers to embark on otherworldly missions, fostering a global community united by a shared passion for space exploration.

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