



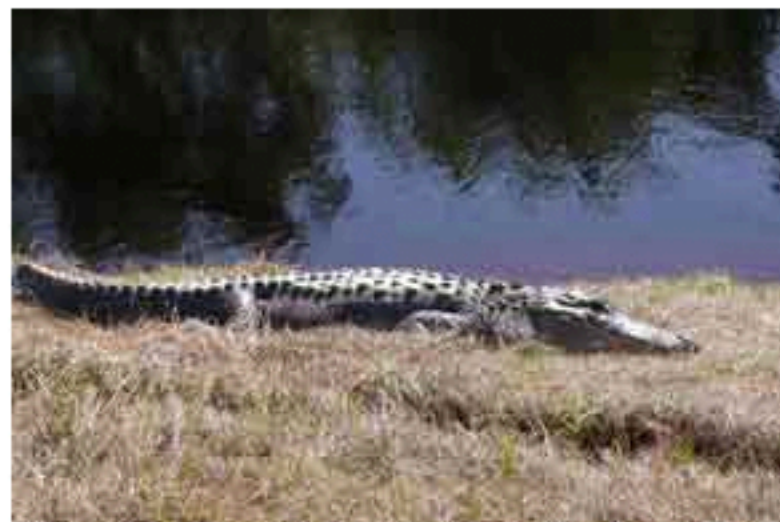
Special Countdown Issue

4 Days to Launch!

SORCE Mission Activity –

Getting closer! The SORCE launch remains set for this Saturday, January 25, from Kennedy Space Center (KSC), with the launch scheduled for 3:10 p.m. Eastern Time, 1:10 p.m. Mountain Standard Time. Don't forget you can call 303-735-3132 for information on any launch time changes.

Tomorrow is the long awaited day to transport the integrated Pegasus and spacecraft to the hot pad. Since it will require closing the road, personnel will make the move very early in the morning to avoid interrupting the morning traffic. Final testing and maintenance on the spacecraft will be done from a small facility located next to the hot pad.



One of the friendly visitors to the Kennedy Space Center on any given afternoon. Photo by Rick Kohnert.

Tentative Dates for Upcoming Events:

- 1/20/03 Launch Rehearsal (KSC)
- 1/21/03 Flight Readiness Review (KSC)
- 1/22/03 SORCE/Pegasus Transported to Hot Pad
- 1/24/03 Launch Readiness Reviews (GSFC/KSC)
- 1/25/03 SORCE Launch (KSC)



This sign is on the causeway between KSC and the Cape Canaveral Air Force Station, where the SORCE launch will be staged. Tomorrow morning, Wednesday, the spacecraft will be moved by trailer to the launch hot pad. Photo by David Gathright.



Like the SORCE launch, this alligator is approaching! Photo by Rick Kohnert.