

**Space Place
Press Release**

**Where Were You When . . . ?
Match your life events to those of a space mission**

In recognition of the historic accomplishments of NASA's Deep Space 1 mission, *(Name of Institution)* will sponsor a family educational activity on *(Date)*, *(Time)*. Children and adults will learn about the milestones in the life of this mission, whose purpose was to test advanced technologies in space. Participants will then be invited to think about and illustrate milestones in their own lives that have taken place over the years of Deep Space 1's mission.

Of the 12 new technologies tested by the Deep Space 1 spacecraft, the use of ion propulsion is the most ground-breaking. Although not capable of producing rapid acceleration, the ion engine on Deep Space 1 proved itself so effective for economical, extremely long-distance robotic space missions that it will be the propulsion system of choice for many missions in the future. Following its technology testing, Deep Space 1 used its ion engine to reach a comet, where it returned the best pictures ever of one of these intriguing bodies. To learn more about Deep Space 1 and the ion engine, see <http://nmp.jpl.nasa.gov/ds1> .

This activity is offered as part of *(Name of Institution)*'s participation in NASA's Space Place educational outreach program. The program is an exciting opportunity for children and adults to learn about space, the space sciences, and the technologies used in space exploration. More information about the program and its educational activities can be found at <http://spaceplace.nasa.gov>.

Anyone interested in participating can contact *(Name)* at *(Telephone Number)* for more information about this program and other exciting Space Place activities.

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