



Virgin Galactic's mothership flight to pass by Las Cruces and Truth or Consequences

Virgin Galactic's mothership, VMS Eve, is planning to conduct two flights on November 3. The first flight is due to take-off from Spaceport America around 8am. Part of the planned flight path for this flight will see VMS Eve fly near Truth or Consequences and Las Cruces, and should afford residents an opportunity to spot the aircraft flying. The second flight will depart later in the afternoon and will be flown at a higher altitude so will not be visible from the ground.

The teams at Spaceport America, Virgin Galactic and Galactic Unite have put together educational material to accompany the flight and encourage students in both cities to go outside to spot the aircraft in the skies and share their experience with their classes and on social media. The materials have been shared with the school districts in both cities and can be downloaded from SpaceportAmerica.com/education.



Image of Virgin Galactic's WhiteKnightTwo carrier vehicle. Courtesy of Virgin Galactic.

Residents of Las Cruces and Truth or Consequences can follow the progress of VMS Eve through the Virgin Galactic Twitter account, where they will be providing real-time updates. The flights are held as part of a series of readiness exercises ahead of Virgin Galactic's first rocket powered flight from Spaceport America expected this Fall.

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Spaceport America (<https://www.spaceportamerica.com>) is the first purpose-built commercial spaceport in the world. The FAA-licensed launch complex, situated on 18,000 acres adjacent to the U.S. Army White Sands Missile Range in southern New Mexico, has a rocket friendly environment of 6,000 square miles of restricted airspace, low population density, a 12,000-foot by 200-foot runway, vertical launch complexes, and about 340 days of sunshine and low humidity.

Some of the most respected companies in the commercial space industry are tenants at Spaceport America: [Virgin Galactic](#), [HAPSMobile/ AeroVironment](#), [UP Aerospace](#), and [SpinLaunch](#). Other customers include [Boeing](#), [EXOS Aerospace](#) and [White Sands Research and Developers, LLC \(WSRDs\)](#).

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