



## **2023 Spaceport America Cup**

**(May 18, 2023; Sierra County, NM)**

Spaceport America and the Experimental Sounding Rocket Association (ESRA) are pleased to announce the 2023 Spaceport America Cup brought to you by Blue Origin. This year's event will be held June 19-24 in Southern New Mexico.

The Spaceport America Cup is the world's largest intercollegiate rocketry engineering contest (IREC) and has been held in New Mexico since 2017. Drawn by the opportunity to collaborate and compete at a world-class spaceport facility, 159 student teams represent the best and brightest from more than 100 institutions located in 24 countries. In total, there will be over 5,900 students participating, with women representing 22.5% of all participants.

Spaceport America Cup will kick off in Las Cruces, New Mexico in June with a full schedule that includes presentations and displays at the Las Cruces Convention Center on June 20, followed by three and a half days of rocket launching at Spaceport America's vertical launch area in Sierra County, with the closing ceremony in the evening of June 24 at the Pan American Center in Las Cruces.

Students will have the opportunity to network with leading organizations in the aerospace community. Blue Origin and Kansas City National Security Campus (KCNSC) managed by Honeywell will have separate rooms set up on opening day at

the Las Cruces Convention Center where they will be interviewing for full-time positions and internships.

Visitors are encouraged to attend the opening day at the Las Cruces Convention Center and must pre-register to attend the launches at Spaceport America which are open to the public. Tickets can be found at <https://spaceportamericacup.com/>. Pricing is \$10 for adults and \$5 for ages 18 years and under.

Spaceport America and ESRA would like to thank all 30 sponsors of the 2023 Spaceport America Cup brought to you by Blue Origin. These include KCNSC managed by Honeywell, Onshape, 3D SOLIDWORKS, Visit Las Cruces, Protocase, Siemens, Northrop Grumman, Tripoli, Sierra Space, Virgin Galactic, Space Valley, Los Alamos National Labs, Kulite, HeroX, Relativity, Mountain View Regional Medical Center, Nusenda Credit Union, Sandy Jones Contracting, Aerojet Rocketdyne, Fiore Industries, Marotta Controls, and Ansys. Supporters also include Fibre Glast and T-Minus.

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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.

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