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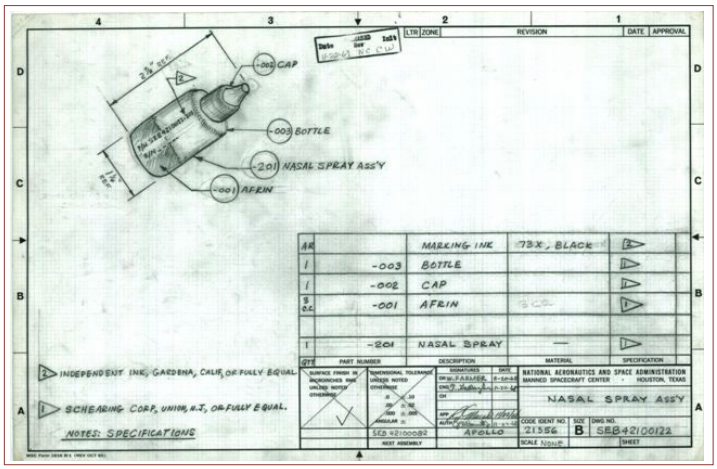
Beyond Our World:

Space Exploration in the United States

Studying whether there's life on Mars or studying how the universe began, there's something magical about pushing back the frontiers of knowledge.
—Sally Ride, 2008

Even though we've looked up to the stars for centuries wondering what it could be like to fly among them or visit planets that we could only peer at from Earth, space travel wasn't a possibility until the 20th century.

With the creation of NASA in 1958 and the goal to land on the moon, to the Hubble Telescope and International Space Station, "Beyond Our World" looks at American space exploration and the milestones that have been achieved.



Exhibition Details

Content:
25-35 framed facsimile documents and matted black & white and color digital prints, 10-15 large-format murals, text, graphic panels, video, and labels

Curator:
Jennifer N. Johnson, National Archives Traveling Exhibits Service (NATES)

Supplemental Materials:
Educational and promotional resources, including an education and resource guide, marketing resources, installation manual, and exhibit-related products through the National Archives Store.

Rental Fee:
$5,000 for 7-week display

Security Requirements:
Limited security and environmental controls

Shipping:
Exhibitor is responsible for all outgoing shipping costs

Size:
250-300 linear feet

Number of Crates:
4-6

Insurance:
Insured by the National Archives

Tour Dates:
***Beyond Our World: Space Exploration in the United States* will be available for tour 2019 to 2021. Dates are subject to change.**

Project Status:
In Development

More About this Exhibition

Can humans survive on Mars? Can a spider spin a web in space? These are the questions that have been answered and are still being answered in the space program. This exhibit highlights:

Preparing for Space
What kind of training is required of astronauts? How did animals help us understand how being in space would affect humans? Featuring drawings, documents, and photos that all highlight the minutiae of preparing for space.

To the Moon: Missions Mercury, Gemini, Apollo
Mercury, Gemini, and Apollo each had a set of objectives, all ultimately building upon each other to enable a human to set foot on another planet. Get a glimpse into each mission, and the accomplishments achieved.

A Cooperation of Science
A literal science lab floating in space, it has allowed educators, scientists, and engineers from several countries to study in space together. Despite tragedies such as the Columbia accident, the International Space Station has been continually manned since 2000.

Seeing the Universe: Hubble Telescope
One of the world's most productive scientific instruments, the Hubble Telescope, revolutionized our view of space. Able to produce "pin-sharp" detail the Hubble has provided answers to questions about the universe and also raised new ones. Some of the real gems of Hubble are the beautiful and profound images of space it captures.

People of Influence: Firsts in Space Exploration
Learn more about the people who contributed to the groundbreaking achievements of the space program: John Glenn (1st American to orbit), Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin (1st men on the moon), Sally Ride (1st American woman in space), Guion Bluford (1st African-American astronaut), Mae Jemison (1st African-American woman astronaut)

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