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## SPACE CITY SPOTLIGHT FOR MAY 2009

### **Fashion Month: What to Wear in Space At Space Center Houston**

The U.S. space program has not only helped improve the way we live our lives on earth through extraordinary experiments in space, but it has also produced innovative protective gear and tools for exploring the harsh environment of space and the moon.

Visitors will appreciate the historical significance of the space and space-related gear in the Astronaut Gallery, Starship Gallery Timeline and the Plaza that includes including a Gemini and a Shuttle EVA suit or Extra Vehicular Activity suit that protected crews from the extreme temperatures of space; see Flight Director Gene Kranz's vest, best known for his role in saving the crew aboard Apollo 13 and portrayed in several movies; Eileen Collin's shirt from when she became the first woman to command a Shuttle mission and John Young's flight ejection suit from the Shuttle's maiden flight. Visitors can see Pete Conrad's moon suit worn on Apollo 12; Mike Collin's bio-isolation garment worn aboard Apollo 11; in-flight coverall garment worn by Apollo 7's Wally Schirra and a pressure suit from the Apollo Lunar Lander. Shuttle astronaut Carl Waltz's Expedition 4 coverall is on display after living on the International Space Station for six months and using his free time to play keyboard. There have been some interesting objects taken into space such as a 2002 All-Star Game Collector's baseball that was flown on Expedition 5.

Space Center Houston also has a bit of Russian history with its Russian Orlan spacesuit used for spacewalks. Visitors will also enjoy Paul Weitz's cooling garment worn aboard Skylab I and Alan Bean's Skylab Manned Maneuvering Unit used to fly around space without a tether. The late Challenger astronaut Judith Resnik's flight suit worn during training on a T-38 can be seen by visitors as well as the RX-5A, last version of the Litton full pressure hardsuit from the mid-60s.

*Space Center Houston is open every day of the year with the exception of Christmas Day. Admission is \$18.95 for adults, \$14.95 for children ages 4-11 and Senior tickets are \$17.95. July hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Mon. – Fri and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays. Hours may vary. For more information please call 281.244.2105 or visit [www.spacecenter.org](http://www.spacecenter.org)*

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