



June 18: Lunar Reconnaissance Orbiter launch

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The Lunar Reconnaissance Orbiter (LRO) is slated to launch later this week (possibly June 18, but there is also a window on June 19 and June 20). Recognized by Time Magazine as a top 50 invention this year, LRO is the first spacecraft to be built as part of NASA's return to the Moon. A key component of that project was developed by Professor Mark Robinson. Robinson constructed and integrated the wide-angle camera for the orbiter, which will aid lunar landing site identification and certification.



The LROC outreach team will be traveling to Kennedy Space Center to conduct interviews with scientists and engineers on the day of the launch. We want students and educators to take part in this exciting adventure, so the LROC team is taking questions about lunar exploration from students! We'll pick some of the most interesting questions, and then get expert members of the LROC Science Team to answer them on video at the LRO launch. [Submit \(http://lroc.sese.asu.edu/EPO/askquestion/\)](http://lroc.sese.asu.edu/EPO/askquestion/) your question and watch for the answer to your question on the day of launch.

Links of interest:

LROC Web site (ASU / SESE): <http://lroc.sese.asu.edu/> (<http://lroc.sese.asu.edu/>)

NASA LROC Web site: <http://lunar.gsfc.nasa.gov/lroc.html> (<http://lunar.gsfc.nasa.gov/lroc.html>)