



STS-92 will be one of the most challenging and interesting missions ever flown and we, the crew, look forward to every day. Our work will begin at liftoff when we launch into the orbit which will allow us to dock to the International Space Station two days later. At that point, the on-orbit work begins in earnest. The Shuttle's robotic arm will be used to place our payloads, the Z-1 Truss and Pressurized Mating Adapter 3, in place on the Station. The Common Berthing Mechanism will be used for the first and second times on orbit to attach them. We'll conduct four space walks to configure the Z-1 and PMA-3 so they can be used by following missions. In the process, we'll document the continued construction of the Station using 3-d IMAX cameras, one in the payload bay and one in the crew compartment. When all is said and done, we'll be leaving the International Space Station ready to accept its first permanent occupants and configured for Shuttle flights to follow.

The crew considers it an honor to be part of the team conducting STS-92. That team consists of tens of thousands of people around the world who have dedicated countless hours to ensuring the success of the mission. We thank them for all their efforts, and we thank you for your interest in our mission and in the space program.