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The Space Shuttle Discovery is scheduled to launch Dec. 7 at 9:35 pm EST, weather permitting. The STS-116 mission is the third shuttle mission of 2006 and the 33rd mission for the Discovery. This launch will mark the 117th Space Shuttle Flight and will be one of the most complicated missions ever performed. During the 12-day mission, the crew will rewire the International Space Station adding a segment to its integrated truss structure, which will allow the permanent electrical system to be switched on. The space station has been running on a temporary electrical system since 1998.

A detailed mission account can be found at:
http://www.nasa.gov/pdf/162182main_STS-116_Press_Kit.pdf

For a countdown of the mission and other information about the National Aeronautics and Space Administration's Space Shuttle program, go here:

http://www.nasa.gov/mission_pages/shuttle/main/index.html

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