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“Bean” me up!

Add one more to the list of exotic javas: Space Coffee. On June 2, a quarter-pound of coffee beans will be carried to the edge of space. The spacecraft will be a high altitude balloon. The beans will ascend to an altitude of 20 miles. This is high enough for the sky to turn black and the horizon to be a blue curve. The coffee beans will be exposed to extremes of cold, vacuum, and cosmic rays. At the end of the mission, the vehicle carrying the coffee will descend to Earth by parachute.

After landing, the coffee will be auctioned off on eBay to raise money for space education.

JP Aerospace is known for flying advertisements, toy action figures, and mementos to the edge of space to fund their PongSat space education program.

A PongSat is an experiment that fits inside of a ping pong ball. Students as young as eight are running their own space programs. Experiments range from plant seeds to computers with sophisticated sensors. PongSat is flown at no charge to the students. JP Aerospace has flown nearly 3000 PongSats involving over 8000 students.

The mission, called Away 33, will be the ninety-first flown by JP Aerospace. JP Aerospace is an independent space program staffed by volunteers dedicated to bringing space travel to everyone.

JP Aerospace is also on the lookout for coffee companies that have a special blend they want carried aloft.

“The space barristas at JPA are more than happy to oblige,” says John Powell, President of JP Aerospace.

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