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A Journey to the Beginning of the Solar System

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Target:
Vesta 7/21/2011
169 Days
Dawn will investigate two of the largest protoplanets in the main asteroid belt, Vesta and Ceres.
Countdown to Dawn's Arrival at Vesta - Where is Dawn?

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How Did the Main Asteroid Belt Form?
What compelled astronomers to send Dawn to the asteroid belt and what does the mission hope to learn when it gets there? To answer these questions we must first learn more about the main asteroid belt.
- Why is the asteroid belt where it is?

We are thrilled to announce the arrival of Dawn's new website. With a dynamic look and cutting-edge technology, Dawn's website helps you access even more of the terrific science and engineering underlying this mission. Just in time to be in the thick of the excitement of Dawn's approach to Vesta this summer.

[Dawn's brand spanning new website](#) is live now!

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along in its trajectory to Vesta in the main asteroid belt!

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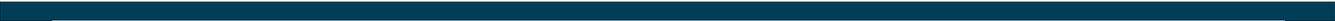
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