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**LIVE BIRDS OF PREY AND BIRDS IN WINTER
FOCUS OF FEBRUARY SCHOOL VACATION WORKSHOPS
AT FLANDERS NATURE CENTER & LAND TRUST**

(Woodbury, CT)--- Building bird feeders and visits from live birds of prey will be featured at two February school vacation workshops, at Flanders Nature Center & Land Trust. The sessions, designed for children in preschool through grade 5, will be held at the Van Vleck Farm Sanctuary, corner of Flanders and Church Hill Roads I Woodbury from 1 to 4 PM on Monday, February 15 and Tuesday, February 16.

On Monday, February 15, children will explore the habits and habitats of birds in winter, as they play games to learn about birds' winter survival and identify bird species. They will also construct a bird feeder out of wood, to take home.

The cost is \$17 per child for Flanders members and \$22 per child for nonmembers.

Live birds of prey from the Sharon Audubon Center in Sharon, CT will be featured at the vacation workshop on Tuesday, February 16. Erin O'Connell, Wildlife Rehabilitation and Outreach Coordinator at the Sharon Audubon Center, will lead the program. She will be accompanied by various species of live hawks and owls who reside at the Audubon Center, to demonstrate the birds' beauty, power and connection to the natural world. Similarities and differences between birds of prey will be discussed.

Several props will be used to help students understand why raptors and their environment should continue to be protected and respected.

The cost for the “Live Birds of Prey” program is \$20 per child for Flanders members and \$25 per child for nonmembers.

Participants in either program should bring a snack. To register for one or both of the programs or for more information, call 203-263-3711 extension 10.