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**LEARN MORE ABOUT HAWKS AND OWLS AT FLANDERS  
SPECIAL FAMILY WORKSHOP ON OCTOBER 17**

Woodbury, CT - Connecticut and the region are home to many fascinating species of birds of prey. On Saturday, October 17, 2009 from 1 to 3:30 PM, Flanders Nature Center & Land Trust will hold a special day of Flanders Family Fun to Learn More About Hawks and Owls at the Van Vleck Sanctuary, corner of Flanders and Church Hill Roads in Woodbury.

At the workshop, families can observe live birds of prey and become more informed about the species' habits and habitats in the region. There will also be an opportunity to learn about the diet of owls, by dissecting a pellet.

Scheduled activities also include face painting for the kids, a hike to Flanders' pumpkin patch to select a pumpkin to decorate and other autumn-oriented programs. Refreshments will be offered. The Flanders staff suggests everyone dress for a mess in weather-appropriate clothing and footwear.

The program fee is \$20 for member families and \$30 for nonmember families. To register or for more information on how to become a member of Flanders Nature Center & Land Trust, call 203-263-3711, ext.10.

Flanders Nature Center & Land Trust promotes the appreciation and understanding of nature and supports the conservation and management of valuable natural resources. The non-profit organization offers a broad range of recreational and educational programs for the community and seasonal festivities for all ages. Nature trails at Flanders six nature preserves are open year-round at no cost. Through direct ownership and conservation easements, Flanders Nature Center & Land Trust manages more than 40

open-space properties, totaling nearly 2,000 acres in the towns of Woodbury, Bethlehem, Middlebury and Southbury.

Accompanying photograph

(Use a photograph of a species of hawk or owl with an appropriate caption, e.g. "The red-tailed hawk is one of the birds of prey that will be the focus of a special family workshop at Flanders Nature Center & Land Trust on October 17.")