

For Immediate Release:

**SPOTLIGHT ON FUN FOR KIDS
AT 2010 AUDUBON ART & CRAFTS FESTIVAL**

Children love animals and are always curious about their habits. This year at the 25th annual Audubon Art & Craft Festival, kids will have a close-up opportunity to learn about owls, hawks, eagles, snakes and other reptiles from some of our region's foremost naturalists. They'll also learn why it is important to care about the environment.

"Education and fun for the younger set is especially appropriate since proceeds from the festival help to fund scholarships for children and teachers to learn more about nature and protecting the environment. Kids remember the lessons nature has to teach us, especially if they are combined with the fun and wonder of meeting unique animals face to face, such as they can do here at the Festival," Festival Coordinator Dave Fooks said.

During Saturday, The **Pocono Wildlife Rehabilitation Center** will present live animals and an entertaining presentation on the animals and their behavior, and The **Binghamton Zoo** will bring a variety of animals, for people to observe close up, and ask the experts questions. Unusual interactive presentation Presentations will be made about our PA State Parks and Forestlands by expert Marcie Mowry, President of the **Pennsylvania Parks and Forests Foundations**.

During Sunday, from the **Delaware Valley Raptor Center**, Bill Street The festival takes place Saturday and Sunday, July 17 and 18 on the shore of quiet and picturesque Lake Wallenpaupack in Hawley, PA. er will have live hawks, owls, eagles and other raptors, in his "Close Encounters With Birds of Prey." Marcia Mowry, President of the **Pennsylvania Parks and Forests Foundations** will continue with the "History of Our States' Natural Heritage".

These two days of wildlife and woodlands presentations have been filled with fascinated youngsters in past years, so make sure you come early to get a good seat. 2010 will feature many of the finest nature and wildlife artists in the country. Artists and craftspersons from 15 states will exhibit and sell their original paintings, sketches, photography, and hand-made crafts related to wildlife and nature at the festival.

Sponsored by the Northeast Pennsylvania Audubon Society, the festival helps to fund environmental scholarships, and conservation programs for schools and community groups. Additionally, the NEPA Audubon Society maintains 2 wetlands in Wayne County.

The Festival takes place Saturday and Sunday, July 17 and 18 on the shore of quiet and picturesque Lake Wallenpaupack in Hawley, PA. Held at the Wallenpaupack School complex, an indoor, air conditioned facility, on Route 6 in Hawley, PA. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day. Admission is \$5, and children under 12 years of age are admitted free.

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