



## **Media Advisory: For Immediate Release February 8, 2008**

### **CL&P, Yankee Gas, Northeast Utilities Transmission and Lady Katharine Cruises Sponsoring CT Audubon's "Eagles in Flight" Program for Over 200 Hartford & Middletown Students on Friday, February 15 in Essex**

- What:** Over 200 area students – many who have never seen an eagle before or been out on a boat -- will attend Connecticut Audubon Society's "Eagles in Flight" Program on full scholarship thanks to program sponsors the Connecticut Light and Power Company, Yankee Gas and Northeast Utilities Transmission. Lady Katharine Cruises is providing its crew and dinner/cruise vessel "Mystique" to take the students for cruises on the Connecticut River. Connecticut Audubon Society teacher/naturalists will lead programs about the Bald Eagle and conservation.
- Where:** Essex, Connecticut, at the foot of Main Street and the Connecticut River. The boat departs from the Connecticut River Museum's Steamboat Dock at 10 a.m. and 11:15 a.m.
- When:** Friday, February 15, 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
- Who:** Some 90 fourth and fifth graders from Hartford's Richard J. Kinsella Magnet School of Performing Arts and 120 sixth graders from Middletown's Keigwin Middle School. Activities will include a 50-minute eagle-viewing cruise on the Connecticut River, a live "Birds of Prey" demonstration and participation in a new game show, "Are You Smarter than a Bald Eagle?"

### **Media Welcome on the 10 a.m. or 11:15 a.m. Guided Eagle-Viewing Cruises.**

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*Founded in 1898, Connecticut Audubon Society (CAS) conserves Connecticut's environment through science-based education and advocacy focused on the state's bird populations and their habitats. CAS operates nature facilities in Fairfield, Milford, Glastonbury and Pomfret as well as an EcoTravel office in Essex and an Environmental Advocacy office in Hartford. CAS manages 19 wildlife sanctuaries around the state, preserves over 2,600 acres of open space in Connecticut and educates over 200,000 children and adults annually. For more information visit [www.ctaudubon.org](http://www.ctaudubon.org).*