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Presentation on snakes at Conservation Field Days



Three-county Soil Judging Contest

Conservation Education

Providing our young people with a good conservation ethic is an important part of the job of the Fayette County Soil & Water Conservation District. That's why we continue to have an active conservation education program. A few of our activities are described below.

Each year the district coordinates a two-day Conservation Field Days for the approximately 300 4th graders in the county. This activity includes presentations on nine topics ranging from snakes to soils, and from forestry to watersheds. Presenters include: volunteers, Illinois Department of Natural Resources employees, University of Illinois Extension people, United States Department of Agriculture, Natural Resources Conservation Service personnel, and, of course, district employees.

Another annual conservation education activity the Fayette County Soil & Water Conservation District is involved in is a three-county soil judging contest for high school agriculture students. Prior to the contest, each class in the county is given a presentation on soil loss and the importance and complexity of our soil resource.

Other programs the district offers include: a Conservation Poster Contest for 4th graders, a semi-annual "Nuts about Nature" newsletter for 2nd and 3rd graders, Arbor Day trees for 3rd graders, and a local Envirothon competition for high school students.

For more information on the Fayette County Soil & Water Conservation District, call the phone number listed above, or visit our website at: www.fayettcountyswcd.com.