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Sally Baumgardner shows off the “Professor”, her snake, to a group of students.

On October 7 & 8, 2009 approximately 1200 third graders and 100 teachers and chaperones from Lee and Ogle Counties will attend the 12th annual Outdoor Stewardship Days. Outdoor Stewardship Days is held at Lowell Park north of Dixon, IL. Students will attend 5 or 6 of the 27 learning stations presented by resource personnel from SWCD, NRCS, IDNR and other volunteers. Stations include demonstrations, activities, and hands on experiences on environmental issues such as water quality, soil conservation, forestry, wildlife habitat, and many others.

Students listen to a presentation on Farm Safety.

The 3rd annual Ag Expo is April 24th at the Lee County 4-H Center and Fairgrounds. The purpose of the Expo is to give 5th grade students more exposure to the world of Agriculture. Presentation topics include beef, pork, sheep (with a wool spinning demonstration), soil conservation, soybeans, corn, GPS technology, beneficial insects, modern farm equipment and technology, horticulture, ethanol, wind energy and more. This event is a joint effort between Lee County SWCD, Lee County Ag in the Classroom, Lee County Farm Bureau, Natural Resources Conservation Service and the University of Illinois Extension – Lee County.

