



*Blue Thumb
Water Quality
Education
Program*

Training Date:
Monday and Tuesday,
June 16 & 17, 2014
8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Training Location:
Choctaw County Extension
Center
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Hugo, OK 74743

To Register—call or
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Blue Thumb

Training for New Volunteers

Sponsored by—Kiamichi Conservation District and Oklahoma Conservation Commission



Protect Your Streams!

Come to this Blue
Thumb training and learn
about:

- ⇒ stream ecology
- ⇒ pollutants
- ⇒ water testing
- ⇒ watersheds
- ⇒ field collections

Who can become a Volunteer?

- ⇒ Teachers & students
- ⇒ 4-H members & leaders
- ⇒ retired folks
- ⇒ professionals
- ⇒ farmers & ranchers
- ⇒ college students
- ⇒ anyone with an interest in clean water

**Become a water quality monitor!
Do your part for local streams!**

Blue Thumb Volunteer Training

Training is Free ~ Register by June 10 please

Day One

8:30 a.m. Welcome/Introductions

9:00 Blue Thumb and Streams

9:45 Watersheds/Project WET Activity
(Break during this too)

11:00 Blue Thumb Data Sheet

11:30 LUNCH

12:45 Safety

1:15 Head to the Creek!

We will cover:

- ✓ Macroinvertebrates
- ✓ Fish
- ✓ On-site monitoring activities

Adjourn— around 4:00 p.m.

Day Two

8:30 a.m. Recap of Stream Activity

9:00 Monitoring Training and Test Kit
Maintenance

12:15 LUNCH

1:15 p.m. EnviroScape Watershed Model

1:45 Data Exercise

2:30 Quality Assurance

3:15 Volunteer Responsibilities

3:30 Teams and Monitoring

About the Blue Thumb Training.....

Blue Thumb is a nonpoint source water quality education program that uses volunteers to:

- ✓ monitor streams
- ✓ screen groundwater
- ✓ and educate the public about pollution prevention.

Blue Thumb is sponsored by Oklahoma's Conservation Districts and the Oklahoma Conservation Commission.

Attire:

Dress for comfort. Day One has an outdoor component—please be prepared to be in a creek. During summer trainings, we go into the creek in close-toed shoes and old shorts. It is recommended to have a change of clothes and different shoes, and to bring a towel. Additional items you may want to bring to Blue Thumb training, especially for the field....

- ✓ Drinking water
- ✓ Hat
- ✓ Towel
- ✓ Sunscreen
- ✓ Bug repellent

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Stream Protection Through Education



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