

Education Links

Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

The EPA provides several resources for educators and students to learn about water quality at: <http://www.epa.gov/students/>.

Illinois River Watershed Partnership (IRWP)

The IRWP has several links for educators, parents, students, land owners, and any group or individual interested in learning about the Illinois River Watershed. Visit: <http://www.irwp.org/education-and-outreach/> to check them out!

Recreation Links

Travel Oklahoma's Illinois River page: http://www.travelok.com/article_page/illinois-river-float-and-camp-trips

Travel Oklahoma's Upper Mountain Fork page: <http://www.travelok.com/listings/view.profile/id.8295>

Southwest Paddler's Illinois River page: <http://southwestpaddler.com/docs/illinois.html>

Southwest Paddler's Upper Mountain Fork page: <http://southwestpaddler.com/docs/littleok8.html>

Volunteering Links

Blue Thumb

Blue Thumb's mission is stream protection through education. They give volunteers the tools to monitor water and educate their communities about water quality. Learn more about them at: www.bluethumbok.com.

Illinois River Watershed Partnership (IRWP)

The IRWP hosts many events that need the help of volunteers. Sign up to be a general volunteer or to help with a specific event at their Volunteer Sign Up sign page: <http://www.irwp.org/volunteering/>.

Save the Illinois River (STIR)

STIR is a group that's mission is "to protect and preserve the Illinois River, its tributaries, and Tenkiller Lake." Learn more about what they do and how to join them at: www.illinoisriver.org.

Water Quality Organizations

Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) – Water Quality Division

DEQ's Water Quality Division has information about regulations, links to forms and permits, publications, and programs at their webpage:
<http://www.deq.state.ok.us/wqdnew/index.htm>.

Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) – Water Science
The EPA's Water Science page has information about drinking water and systems, water quality, water monitoring, and water tools and technology. Explore these resources here: <http://www2.epa.gov/science-and-technology/water-science>.

Oklahoma Water Resources Board (OWRB)
The OWRB is responsible for appropriating water use and permitting, monitoring water quality and setting standards, and more. Learn about what they do and how they can help you with your water needs at: <https://www.owrb.ok.gov/>.

Oklahoma Conservation Commission (OCC) – Water Quality Division
The Oklahoma Conservation Commission's Water Quality Division is responsible for identifying waters impaired by nonpoint source pollution. Once problems are identified, the OCC works to prioritize and implement projects to reduce pollutants and improve water quality. OCC runs the Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP), which pays eligible landowners to preserve riparian buffer zones. Learn more about CREP and other projects at:
http://www.ok.gov/conservation/Agency_Divisions/Water_Quality_Division/index.html.