

Blue Thumb Water Quality Education Program

Training for New Volunteers

Friday, March 24 6:00—9:30 p.m.

Saturday, March 25 8:30 a.m.—4:30 p.m.

Pontotoc Technology Center
601 W 33rd St., Ada, OK

The **FREE** Blue Thumb Water Quality Education Program volunteer training will teach you about:

- ◆ Water quality testing
- ◆ Stream ecology
- ◆ Watersheds
- ◆ Field collections
- ◆ Educating the public on protecting water resources



Volunteers can be:

- ◆ Teachers
- ◆ Middle and high school students
- ◆ Landowners
- ◆ Retirees
- ◆ Professionals
- ◆ 4-H leaders and members
- ◆ Anyone with an interest in clean water!



For more information or to register contact:

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Blue Thumb Volunteer Training

Training is Free ~ Register in Advance

Agenda

Day One

- 6:00 p.m. Welcome/Introductions
- 6:30 p.m. Blue Thumb and Streams
- 7:45 Watersheds/Project WET Activity
(Break during this)
- 8:30 EnviroScape & Rainfall Simulator
- 9:00 Blue Thumb Data Sheet and
Volunteer Responsibilities

Day Two

Please be on time!!!

- 8:30 Safety
- 9:00 Head to the Creek!
- We will :
 - ◆ Collect macroinvertebrates
 - ◆ Seine for fish
 - ◆ Learn on-site monitoring duties
- 11:45 LUNCH
- 12:45—Testing instructions and
Test kit maintenance
- 3:15 Quality Assurance
- 3:45 Teams and Monitoring
- 4:30 Group photo and adjourn

About the Blue Thumb Training.....

Attire:

Dress for comfort. Day Two has an outdoor component—please be prepared to be in a creek. If you have waders, bring them. We have some that can be loaned. It is recommended to have a change of clothes and bring a towel. Additional items you may want to bring to the training, especially for the field....

- ◆ Drinking water
- ◆ Hat
- ◆ Towel
- ◆ Jacket

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

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

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