



Join us!

FRIENDS OF BLUE THUMB

Be a champion of Oklahoma's rivers, streams, and lakes!

Friends of Blue Thumb (FBT), founded in 2013, is devoted to supporting the "citizen scientists" who volunteer with the Oklahoma Blue Thumb Water Quality Education Program.

We rely on no paid staff. A volunteer board made up of current and former monitoring volunteers meets regularly to guide progress. All monies generated by fundraising help both volunteers educate the public about their role in stream protection and give member conservation districts funds for education within their district boundaries.

To better understand Friends of Blue Thumb, look below at some of the projects we have supported!



Youth teaching younger youth.

The Oklahoma School of Innovation and Experiential Learning (OSIEL) students brought demonstrations and computer activities to every Bixby North 2nd grade class last spring. The younger students learned about protecting streams and rivers and conserving water. OSIEL students monitor Fry Ditch in Tulsa County.



No couch potatoes here!

Cleveland County Blue Thumb volunteers offered Norman residents a chance to "Pick Your Watershed" and perform litter removal at one of two sites for Earth Day, 2017. Nearly 30 volunteers removed almost 400 pounds of trash from two streams.

Six Districts will get grants this year!



Recognition of work well-done!

The Logan County Conservation District used FBT funding to help them hold a youth speech, essay, and poster contest across their entire district (Spring 2017).



Getting children outside where REAL science learning can happen!

Blue Thumb volunteers and the OK County Conservation District worked together to educate 50 students from Lake Park Elementary about reducing water pollution and protecting wildlife, especially fish! (Spring 2017).

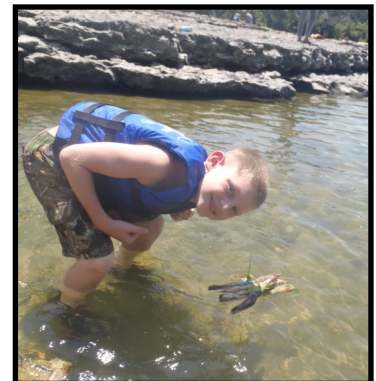


Friends of Blue Thumb was excited to be one of several partners that made the first “A Grand Adventure” water quality youth day camp in NE Oklahoma a great success!

Oklahoma’s streams and rivers do much more than simply move water. Their health is essential to a vibrant fish population, safe and fun recreational areas, and travel corridors for wildlife. These waterways also become our drinking water. The Blue Thumb Program and its volunteers not only ensure the quality of Oklahoma’s streams but they also champion the public to become stream stewards. Please help us protect our streams and rivers by joining Friends of Blue Thumb or making a tax deductible donation. Your support will allow FBT to continue offering funds that **make a difference all across Oklahoma!**

Friends of Blue Thumb has 48 member conservation districts! These districts came aboard to support clean water yet they are also eligible for grants. Your conservation district can be a part of good work—and become eligible for grants—by joining FBT at the \$150 lifetime level. Information is below.

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Please send this form with your donation or membership fee to:

FBT, PO Box 58103, Oklahoma City, OK 73112

Name: _____ email: _____

Address: _____ Zip _____

Please circle one of the following: (make checks out to FBT)

- ◇ **Conservation District one time membership fee (\$150)**
- ◇ Individual—Yes I want to be a member for one year! (\$10)
- ◇ Yes I am moved by your mission and I have my contribution ready to go! (any amount you can manage)
- ◇ Yes I represent a business, corporation, or foundation and want to be a sponsor of this type of good work! (any amount you can manage, over \$250 is good, over \$500 is better)