

# Blue Thumb Water Quality Education Program

## Training for New Volunteers

Monday, July 24 12:30pm—4:30pm

Tuesday, July 25 8:30am—4:30pm

OSU Kiamichi Forestry Research Station  
4878 E State Highway 3, Idabel, 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:

Candice Miller

701-659-0008

[candice.miller@conservation.ok.gov](mailto:candice.miller@conservation.ok.gov)



# Blue Thumb Volunteer Training

Training is Free ~ Register in Advance

## Agenda

### Day One

- 12:30 Welcome/Introductions
- 1:00 Blue Thumb and Streams
- 2:15 Watersheds/Project WET Activity  
(Break during this)
- 3:00 EnviroScape & Rainfall Simulator
- 3:30 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.

Blue Thumb is sponsored by the Oklahoma Conservation Commission's Water Quality Division and funded by a grant from the Environmental Protection Agency.

### Blue Thumb Contact information:

Kim Shaw, 405-522-4738 kim.shaw@conservation.ok.gov	Candice Miller, 701-659-0008 candice.miller@conservation.ok.gov
Jeri Fleming, 405-334-6343 jeri.fleming@conservation.ok.gov	Robert Barossi, 918-398-1804 robert.barossi@conservation.ok.gov

[www.bluethumbok.com](http://www.bluethumbok.com)

**Learn to be a  
Steward of our  
Streams and  
Rivers!**