

Blue Thumb Water Quality Education Program

Training for New Volunteers

Friday, September 29 6:00—10:00 p.m.

Saturday, September 30 8:30 a.m.—4:30 p.m.

Tahlequah Armory Municipal Center

100 North Water Ave, Tahlequah, 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
- ◆ Concerned citizens
- ◆ 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
- ◆ Sunscreen/Bug spray
- ◆ Jacket

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

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

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