



Blue Thumb—In Pictures

February 2023



First Training of the New Year

We had our first of several trainings this past month at Oklahoma State University! It was a huge success as attendees came to learn about Blue Thumb! We had a very interesting weekend with the first day of training being absolutely beautiful, while the second day was so cold, our water samples were freezing at the creek! Everyone was a trooper and braved the crazy weather, so we can certainly say that we have the best volunteers in the land!



Regional Trip Part One!

This year marks the 30-year anniversary of Blue Thumb becoming a state-wide program, so we're doing something special. We have planned special regional trips in the four corners of the state! This month marked our first of these events in the lower Illinois River watershed where Trout Unlimited showed us the proper way to cast for fly fishing, introduced us to different types of lures and knots, and shared interesting facts about local geology. They also demonstrated their fly fishing skills and caught some beautiful rainbow trout.



Specialty T-shirts

Volunteers receive a t-shirt when they complete training. These t-shirts function as uniforms for volunteers when they monitor or assist with education events. This year, we held a t-shirt design contest for a special 30-year anniversary shirt. Hannah Taylor was the lucky winner, and we are so thrilled with her design! For her efforts, she won an inflatable kayak. Congrats, Hannah!



Education, Education, Education

Volunteers are doing great things all over the state! We participated in the Environmental Education Expo (EE Expo) this month where volunteers manned (and womanned) the exhibit table and introduced interested people to Blue Thumb. Another great volunteer checked out an EnviroScape to use at a nature center in Tulsa.

