



Blue Thumb in Pictures

July 2023



Education Activities continue...



There was a good turnout for Blue Thumb's **Bug and Fish Identification Workshop** held at Spring Creek in Edmond on June 24. Blue Thumb staff members counted on benthic macroinvertebrates and fish from the stream to be the subjects of interest.



Children at the **Otoe Missouri tribal environmental camp** got to take a close look at fish and bugs from Red Rock Creek in Noble County.



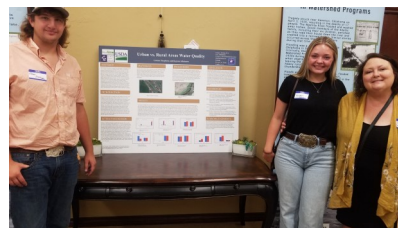
Journey to the Bottom of the Creek! was the kids camp that Kim Shaw and Briant Nguyen led in conjunction with the Grand River Dam Authority in Langley, Oklahoma.

(top) The summer campers got a feel for nonpoint source pollution and watersheds.

(just above) Children are getting to learn what fish are in Summerfield Creek.



Blue Thumb staff had an exhibit at the brand new **Crossroads Regenerative Agriculture Conference** in Enid in July. Briant and Cheryl promoted the upcoming Blue Thumb training that will be held in Enid in September plus they provided information about Yard by Yard.

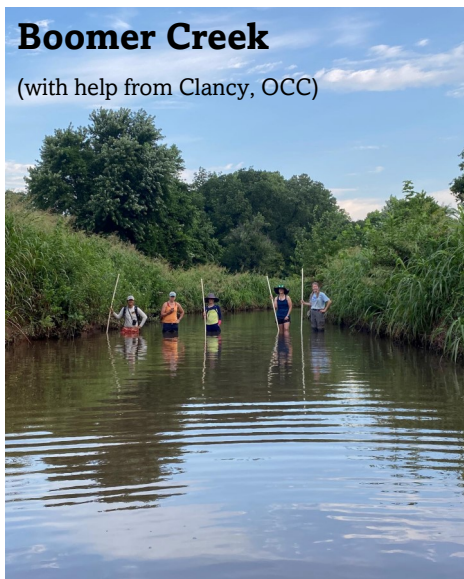


(left) With a Friends of Blue Thumb grant, the Oklahoma County Conservation District provided dinner and an evening of entertainment to central Oklahoma Blue Thumb volunteers.

(above) High School volunteers Connor and Kaysen (El Reno) with Ann of BlueSTEM AgriLearning Center and their poster comparing urban and rural streams, which they brought to the OK CCD event.

Summer Fish Collections

Among the areas being fished this summer were Blue Thumb monitored streams in Payne County.





Volunteers Educating the Public!

Tulsa volunteers Jade and Michelle borrow an EnviroScape and Incredible Journey set for youth education this summer.

Note in Cheryl's hand is the companion exhibit piece that helps to demonstrate the tiny amount of water that is fresh and available.



Summer Campers at Woolaroc, Osage County

Blue Thumb provided a stream introduction experience for 36 summer campers at Woolaroc on July 18. Woolaroc is a living museum with lots of different animals outside and also exhibits inside. These children met some bugs and fish from Warrior Creek.

A good template for watershed education!

Blue Thumb volunteers and staff turned out at the Glenpool Farmers Market (top) and then at Coal Creek in Morris Park (directly above) to let citizens in the Coal Creek watershed learn how the stream is doing.

And we won't stop here! Next we will set up our exhibit at the Glenpool Public Library.



Blue Thumb staff members Kim and Briant met with Sara and Vicki to get them set up with monitoring on Soldier Creek in Midwest City. Additional volunteers who graduated from the June training in OKC are soon to be set up on Bishop Creek and Bishop Creek tributary (Norman); Guy James Creek in OKC; and Silver Creek in Spencer. It is helpful for volunteers to have Blue Thumb staff present their first time out for stream monitoring.