



# Blue Thumb in Pictures

## September 2023



### Blue Thumb Training in Tulsa

The Discovery Lab opened their doors to Blue Thumb last month to host the Tulsa training for new volunteers. Citizens showed up on August 26 and 27 and now Blue Thumb has 29 new volunteers.

**The Eastern Shawnee Tribe** welcomed hundreds of students from NE OK and SW Missouri to their annual Lost Creek Festival on September 8. Blue Thumb was happy to offer one of the few stations that actually encouraged students to explore this beautiful Ozark stream.



**Tulsa County Naturalist** and Blue Thumb volunteer Patrick Hayes used an EnviroScope for a “Teaching Sustainability” workshop recently held at Chandler Park. Patrick also provided a lesson to after-school students at the park. Remember—you too can borrow our educational tools!



**Riverfield Country Day School** in Tulsa invited Blue Thumb to talk with 2nd and 3rd graders about watersheds and protecting streams and rivers. Briant and Cheryl showed up for the event on September 14 in which 64 children learned how to NOT pollute!

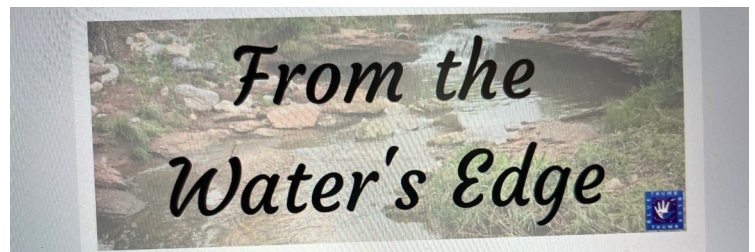
**Volunteers on Spring Creek in Oklahoma County** (Sarah, Gretchen, and John) dance a merry jig as they collected their bugs, captured in this photograph taken by Kim. Briant oversees the effort. Summer bug season ended on September 15. Bug picking efforts and indoor QA is next on the list...but also your monthly monitoring!



Candice and Valerie assessing bug habitat as part of the bug collection on Beaty Creek, Delaware County.



**Okmulgee Creek volunteers** (Maddie, Maggie, and Muriel) met with Blue Thumb staff members to begin reviewing several years worth of data from their site. These volunteers have always been active in stream education, and they are now embarking on their efforts with new enthusiasm. Do you want to know more about the tale your data tell? Talk with any Blue Thumb staff member.



**You aren't missing your monthly newsletter** are you? At the beginning of each month a new, fresh Blue Thumb newsletter "From the Water's Edge" is sent to all volunteers. The latest news and important announcements are landing in your email boxes. If you are not taking time to check out "From the Water's Edge" you might be missing something you need to know about!



**Candice and Rebecca** worked with 25 7th and 8th grade students from Oaks to introduce them to the stream life in Spring Creek, Cherokee County, on September 5. The students got to enjoy actually getting in this beautiful Ozark stream to study the benthic macroinvertebrates and fish who call the stream home.