



Blue Thumb Pictorial Report

April, 2016



Jeri helps a new OSU student learn the art of "bug-picking." A statistically relevant sample of benthic macroinvertebrates are removed from Blue Thumb samples for identification.



Buffalo High School

Harper County Conservation District and students from Buffalo High School conducted a successful groundwater screening under Kim Shaw's watchful eye. Twenty students tested forty-one groundwater samples.

Left—Blue Thumb volunteers turn out in force to accomplish their bug-picking and quality assurance session at Oklahoma City University. Below and left—demonstration of the tabletop rainfall simulator took place at the QA and bug event. The goal is to provide educational opportunities for volunteers in conjunction with their work efforts.

Below—Friends of Pennington Creek (Johnston County) have an awesome exhibit set up and ready for visitors at the "Break on the Blue!" (meaning Blue River, another local beauty) event in south central Oklahoma. Photo by Candice Miller.





Kinta High School students work with Candice to make their macroinvertebrate collection from San Bois Creek.



"Friends of Blue Thumb" bought hotdogs and soda pop for Stillwater area volunteers! Well-fed volunteers are happy volunteers!

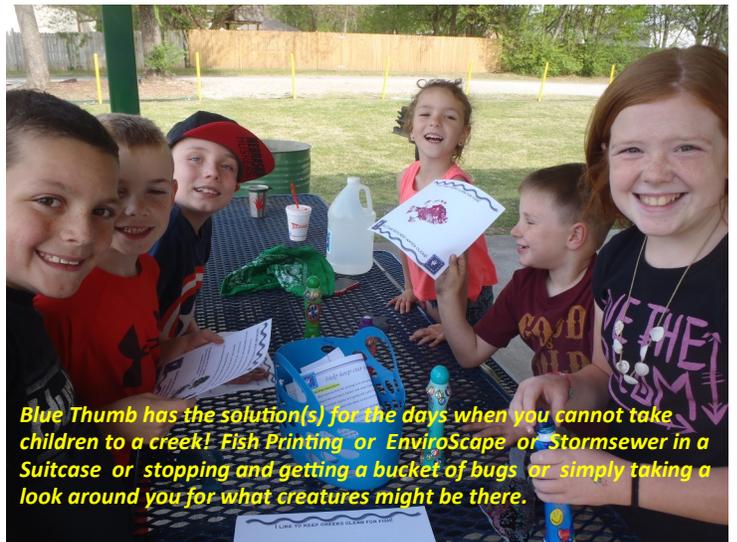


Mary George Jim Joyce

Oklahoma Clean Lakes and Watersheds Association Annual Conference was held March 29 & 30, with these Blue Thumb volunteers attending and presenting!



Every Blue Thumb staff member has been busy taking new volunteers to a stream to help them get started on their monitoring. Even though volunteers attend training, the first time out at the creek brings up lots of questions. Above: Andrew and Mark on Posey Creek in south Tulsa County.



Blue Thumb has the solution(s) for the days when you cannot take children to a creek! Fish Printing or EnviroScape or Stormsewer in a Suitcase or stopping and getting a bucket of bugs or simply taking a look around you for what creatures might be there.

Below—Stonefly, one of the first creatures to go when the stream becomes polluted.



Bugs, Fish and Stewardship! *Save the Date!*

Blue Thumb Volunteer Conference
September 23 - 24, 2016
Canyon Camp, Hinton, OK

Friday - Pre-conference Google Earth and ArcGIS workshop!
Keynote speaker - Dr. Mark Y.A. Davies - Who Can Save the Earth?
"Exhibits Go Round"; Benthic Macroinvertebrate and Fish Identification Workshop; communicating science; Geology walk and much more!

Join Blue Thumb volunteers and other friends of the environment for this awesome opportunity. Watch your inbox for more information.