



Blue Thumb Pictorial Report

August, 2016

Biological collections are taking place at streams across Oklahoma! Three of the five streams below received fish and macroinvertebrate collections AND full habitat assessments. Bishop Creek and Baron Fork were slated only for macroinvertebrate collections this year.

In addition, volunteers are performing their dissolved oxygen test as their quality assurance effort.



Cheryl was invited by the City of Tulsa and the Tulsa Drillers to throw out the "first pitch" at the game between the Drillers and the Arkansas Naturals on July 21. Cheryl "pitched" for Clean Water!



Bluff Creek, McCurtain County



Turkey Creek, Washington County



Yashoo Creek, McCurtain County



Bishop Creek, Cleveland County



Baron Fork, Cherokee County

Blue Thumb volunteer and retired Oklahoma Conservation Commission staff member Debi Carnott accompanied Cheryl to the Alva Youth Conservation Expo on August 5 where the two provided a simple lesson in soil health. As a "take home" component, their exhibit offered all the tools and materials for participants to create their very own soil painting.





Blue Thumb training for new volunteers was held in Sulphur July 14 & 15. A cheerful new crew of volunteers has come aboard. Even the Water Quality Division's Greg Kloxin showed up for the fun and valuable event!

*Right: Cheryl, Greg Scott, Pauline Hodges, and Debi Carnott worked with BlueSTEM AgriLearning Center at Fort Reno to offer: **Home on the Range—Observations and Connections to the Prairie** on July 14. Blue Thumb staff members never stop seeking the best way to help the public find value in the natural world. By creating a recipe that includes ecology, history, and citizenship, the goal is for the final product to be not only informed citizens, but those who care about living a sustainable lifestyle so that earthlings who do not yet exist will have the resources they need to survive and find joy. Earthlings being people, and also our animal neighbors that need healthy woodlands, prairies, and clean water. →*



A "Grand Adventure" stream and lake summer camp for kids (#2 of the summer) was sponsored by Blue Thumb and the Grand River Dam Authority on July 22 and 23 in Langley. Jeri, Kim, and Cheryl worked with GRDA partners to offer the participants lessons on lake and stream water quality, fish, benthic macroinvertebrates, safety, pollutants and pollution prevention, stewardship, and there was tons of fun thrown in as well!