



# Blue Thumb—In Pictures

## January 2023



### Hit the Creek Swimming

After the holiday season, Blue Thumb staff are quick to schedule winter bug collections! Yes, we even go out to the creek in the winter for biological samples! Our volunteers are hardy, though, and join us, especially when we have some more mild days.



## New Volunteer, Old Creek

Blue Thumb has over a hundred active and historical sites all across the state. Sometimes, our volunteers have to turn in their kit, leaving that creek inactive. However, we always try to make sure that new volunteers (whether fresh from a training or coming back to us after a break) get back to those sites. This year during our trainings, we are highlighting some of the historical, inactive sites where we have need of monitors!



## Education, Education, Education

Blue Thumb participates in the annual Spring Creek Coalition meeting in Pegg's in Cherokee County each year. This is important because we have several Cherokee County Blue Thumb volunteers on various locations along Spring Creek, a high water quality Ozark stream. Why is Spring Creek important? It empties into the Illinois River, one of Oklahoma's scenic rivers!

