



*Blue Thumb  
Water Pollution  
Education  
Program*

*Training Date:  
Friday and Saturday,  
January 24 & 25 2014*

*Training Location:  
Cleveland County  
Fairgrounds—East  
Room 615 E. Robinson  
St., Norman OK  
73071*

*To Register—call  
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# Blue Thumb

## Training for New Volunteers

Sponsored by—Cleveland County Conservation District & Oklahoma Conservation Commission



### Protect Your Streams!

Come to this Blue  
Thumb training and learn  
about:

- ⇒ stream ecology
- ⇒ pollutants
- ⇒ water testing
- ⇒ watersheds
- ⇒ field collections

### Who can become a Volunteer?

- ⇒ Teachers & students
- ⇒ 4-H members & leaders
- ⇒ retired folks
- ⇒ professionals
- ⇒ farmers & ranchers
- ⇒ college students
- ⇒ anyone with an interest in clean water

**Become a water quality monitor!  
Do your part for local streams!**

# Blue Thumb Volunteer Training

*Training is Free ~ Register in Advance*

## Day One

8:30 a.m. Welcome/Introductions

9:00 Blue Thumb and Streams

9:45 Watersheds/Project WET Activity  
(Break during this too)

11:00 Blue Thumb Data Sheet

11:30 LUNCH

12:45 Safety

1:15 Head to the Creek!

We will cover:

- ✓ Macroinvertebrates
- ✓ Fish
- ✓ On-site monitoring activities

Adjourn— around 4:00 p.m.

## Day Two

8:30 a.m. Recap of Stream Activity

9:00 Monitoring Training/Test Kit  
Maintenance

12:15: LUNCH

1:15 p.m. EnviroScape Watershed Model

1:30 Pollutants Review

2:00 A Tale of Two Streams

2:30 Quality Assurance

3:15 Volunteer Responsibilities

3:30 Teams and Monitoring

### ***About the Blue Thumb Training.....***

Blue Thumb is a nonpoint source water pollution education program that uses volunteers to:

- ✓ monitor streams
- ✓ screen groundwater
- ✓ and educate the public about pollution prevention.

Blue Thumb is sponsored by Oklahoma's Conservation Districts and the Oklahoma Conservation Commission.

Attire:

Dress for comfort. Day One has an outdoor component—please be prepared to be in a creek. If you have waders, bring them. We have some that can be loaned. It is recommended to have a change of clothes and different shoes, and to bring a towel.

Additional items you may want to bring to Blue Thumb training, especially for the field....

- ✓ Drinking water
- ✓ Hat
- ✓ Towel

- ✓ Sunscreen
- ✓ Jacket

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Learn to be a Steward  
of our  
Streams and Rivers!



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