Blue Thumb
Training for New Volunteers

Sponsored by—Harper County Conservation District, UCO’s Selman Living Laboratory, and the Oklahoma Conservation Commission

Protect Your Streams!

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

Come to this Blue Thumb training and learn about:

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

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

Location and lodging information is on the back of this flyer!
Blue Thumb Volunteer Training
Training is Free – Register by August 15 please

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 and Test Kit Maintenance
12:15 LUNCH

1:15 p.m. EnviroScape Watershed Model
1:45 Data Exercise
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 quality 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. During summer trainings, we go into the creek in close-toed shoes and old shorts. 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
✓ Bug repellent

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Location information and overnight lodging:
Actual directions to the Selman Living Laboratory will be provided to people who sign up for the training.
Because it is a study area, limited bunk or camping opportunities exist. If you require overnight accommodations, get in touch with Rebecca Pace (pace2@uco.edu) of the University of Central Oklahoma. She will let you know if there is space for you at the facility and/or will provide phone numbers for area hotels.

Woodward
SLL (training)
HWY 50
SLL is 45 minutes from Woodward.