

# Healthy Water Streams Focus of Wednesday Seminar at SWOSU

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“Healthy Water Streams” is the focus of a seminar planned this Wednesday, March 27, at Southwestern Oklahoma State University in Weatherford.

Cheryl Cheadle, director of the Blue Thumb Program for the Oklahoma Conservation Commission, is guest speaker at 4 p.m. in Room 212 of the Old Science Building. Admission is free, and the public is invited.

“We drive over streams, build our homes next to drainages, and drink water from lakes filled by streams and rivers,” said Dr. Steven O’Neal of the sponsoring SWOSU Department of Biological Sciences. “We tend to live with these water bodies without ever looking beneath the surface.”

Cheadle’s presentation will introduce the Blue Thumb program and then focus on the features that constitute a healthy stream or river and why this is important to all citizens of Oklahoma. Blue Thumb uses volunteers to monitor streams and educate the public about stream and river protection.

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