

**Donate ten bucks to Minnesota Trout Unlimited today and you could earn us \$1,000 for resource protection as part of Give to the Max Day!**

Dear supporter of wild trout and clean water:

Wednesday Nov 16, 2011 is Give to the Max Day. Give to the Max Day is an annual day for Minnesotans to come together on GiveMN.org to raise as much money as possible for nonprofits in 24 hours. Making even a small donation on today amplifies your giving impact in a number of ways:

- **Win a Golden Ticket!** \$1,000 will be given to a random donor's charity every hour. You could be that donor! Each on-line donation to MNTU made today enters us in a drawing for a \$1,000 prize grant. These 24 "Golden Tickets"—\$1,000 prize grants are given once each hour, and one \$10,000 "Grand Golden Ticket" will be randomly given at 11:59 p.m. on November 16, 2011. Consider making several donations at different hours of the day. Early birds and night owls can increase their odds even further. So give "early and often".
- **Put us on the Leader Board!** Through your generous support of MNTU, we could receive a bonus grant of \$5,000 to \$15,000! If total donations made to Minnesota TU today place us in the top ten of small non-profits we are assured a grant of \$5,000! A \$15,000, \$10,000 and \$7,500 prize grant will also be awarded to the top three small nonprofit organizations based upon most dollars donated. So tell your fishing buddies and all friends of clean water to help improve and protect our streams and lakes by donating **today** – they need not be TU members to support conservation.

Minnesota Trout Unlimited needs your support today - during Give to the Max Day - to help us compete for these bonus "prize" grants. More importantly, MNTU needs your direct support to protect and restore trout fisheries and watersheds in Minnesota and neighboring waters. MNTU (the Minnesota Council of TU) is the unified voice for the seven TU chapters and thousands of members around the State, passionately advocating for you and all trout and steelhead anglers. While MNTU has secured grants for our chapters to improve habitat around the state, these do not cover all project costs and none of these funds are used for our important advocacy and education work aimed at protecting and sustaining coldwater fisheries. We need **your** help to keep an advocate in St. Paul, improve our website and e mail based tools, and distribute a newspaper to inform and educate both members and non-members around the State.

**Giving is easy:**

Follow this link <http://givemn.razoo.com/story/Trout-Unlimited-Mn> right to the Minnesota TU giving page.

Or type “trout” in the search box on the upper right hand corner of the opening page of [GiveMN.org](http://GiveMN.org) and MNTU should come up first. Credit cards and debit cards may be used.

Since less than \$3 of your membership dues and none of TU’s national fundraising efforts come back to Minnesota, we need your ***direct contributions to Minnesota Trout Unlimited.***

Thank you for your support for clean water, productive fisheries and healthy watersheds!