

Dear Minnesota Fishing Challenge Contestant,

Thank you for your support of the second annual Minnesota Fishing Challenge, presented by Mills Fleet Farm. Your fund-raising efforts will positively impact the Teen Challenge program which rehabilitates those suffering the ravages of alcohol and drugs.

Funds raised by May 31 should be sent to Melissa in the envelopes provided. Bring additional "late" funds to registration and they will be credited to your team. Send funds that show up after the tournament (some always do) to Melissa.

**Fishing Challenge tournament details follow:**

Mills Fleet Farm is presenting the entire event. Fleet has the tackle, clothing and gear for you and your boat to make the tournament a success. The northern pike and panfish divisions are sponsored by Nor-Son, an award winning architectural and construction services builder in the Brainerd lakes area for more than 30 years. The bass and walleye divisions are sponsored by Full Throttle Outdoors, a Christian tournament circuit. Talk with Full Throttle staffers at the event or visit their website for details.

Anglers may enter all species divisions. The limits are three bass (largemouth or smallmouth) in the bass division. One pike is allowed in that division. Fish may be kept alive and replaced when a bigger fish is caught.

The walleye limit is three walleyes with only two walleyes over 20 inches per team. The panfish limit is also three fish, consisting of any combination of crappies, perch, bluegills or sunnies.

The Ron Lindner rule is in effect for the 2010 Challenge. Each team that brings a rock bass to the scales will have the "rocker" weighed separately and this weight will be added as a bonus to each division entered.

New in 2010 is the Mixed-Bag division sponsored by Sportech. Each team will decide if they want to enter the Mixed-Bag division when they reach the stage. The weight of one fish from each division, plus a bonus rock bass will determine the Mixed-Bag winners. Teams may not enter other divisions if they declare for the Mixed-Bag.

The morning start will be a "gentlemen's start." Teams launch at any Gull Lake ramp or depart from a resort dock and motor to fishing destinations. Fishing begins at 7 a.m. Anglers must check-in with the timekeeper at Cragun's no later than 4 p.m.

The weigh-in site will be at Cragun's Beach. All Gull Lake waters accessible by boat are open for fishing. Please come to the weigh-in by boat. The stage will be near the beach; Volunteers will assist teams as they nose their boats into the sand.

Friends, family and fans will head to Cragun's for the afternoon games and festivities, followed by the 4 p.m. weigh-in with emcee Jim O'Rourke. Bring cameras for photos with Al and your favorite anglers on the professional stage. Free youth games and activities by Fishing for Life ministries start at 1 p.m.

Repay the sponsors supporting you personally and Teen Challenge with a "thank you" email or card. Tell them about the event. Among the prizes this season are rods and reels donated by top industry leaders, pro anglers, TV show hosts and others. These are special prizes that may have helped them win tournaments, conduct their fishing business, shoot TV show segments and catch personal-best fish.

Registration occurs Friday afternoon, June 4, at the Heritage Assembly of God church on College Road in Baxter, from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. From Hwy 371, turn east onto College at the first set of lights south of the Hwy 371 and Hwy 210 intersection.

There is plenty of parking at the church. If your boat is hooked up, park in the outer lots. The Dinner and Rules Meeting will include a talk from Al plus the Teen Challenge choir.

The 2010 schedule is attached. If you experience a delay enroute or an emergency on the water, call my cell, 651-356-5676. Thanks for your participation.

Sincerely,

Jim Kalkofen  
Director

PS: If you know a team that has not entered yet, but wants to get in at the last minute, please have them call me, and I will get them registered.

c/c: Melissa Varriano, MN Teen Challenge, 1619 Portland Ave. South, Minneapolis, MN 55404. Phone 612-238-6184.

Enc: 2010 Schedule