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An important contribution to River Keepers is performed by our many volunteers. The government recognizes this important role provides some tax deductions for those that itemize. The following is provided by the MN DNR...

As a volunteer, you may not deduct from your taxes the value of your services; however, you may be able to deduct out-of-pocket expenses. These include:

- Lodging, meals, travel, and transportation costs associated with traveling away from home on behalf of a charity (unless the travel is in connection with lobbying on behalf of an organization).
- Gas, oil and other unreimbursed auto expenses incurred while performing services for a charity, or 14 cents per mile plus tolls and parking.
- The cost of uniforms worn while volunteering, but only if the uniforms have no general use; and,
- Expenses associated with entertaining others on behalf of a charity.

Charitable contributions: You can deduct charitable contributions--including the expenses listed above--only if you itemize your deductions.

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