

**SUGGESTED VISITATION SCHEDULE**  
**4<sup>TH</sup> JUDICIAL DISTRICT**  
**DIVISIONS 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, AND 7**

The non-custodial parent shall be entitled to fair visitation privileges with the child(ren) of the parties. Unless otherwise ordered by the Court and absent unusual circumstances, the visitation schedule set forth herein is suggested. The parties are encouraged to agree upon additional visitation they may deem appropriate.

**Weekend Visitation:** The 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> (if available) weekends of each month, commencing at dismissal from school/daycare on Friday and continuing until the following Sunday evening at 6:00 p.m., except that all special holiday, midweek, and summer visitation as hereinafter set forth shall take precedence. Weekend and mid-week visitations missed due to conflicts with special holiday, midweek, or summer visitations will not be made up. The non-custodial parent is responsible for pickup at school/daycare at the beginning of each weekend visitation. The 5<sup>th</sup> weekend visitation occurs when there are five Fridays in a month.

**Midweek Visitation:** During the children's school year, Wednesday evening on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each month, commencing at 6:00 p.m. and ending at 8:00 p.m. The non-custodial parent is responsible for pickup and return of the child(ren) at the beginning and end of each midweek visitation.

**Summer Visitation:** Unless otherwise agreed upon by the parties, the summer visitation for the father shall commence June 15 at 9:00 a.m. and end June 30 at 6:00 p.m. Summer visitation for the mother shall commence August 1 at 9:00 a.m. and end on August 15 at 6:00 p.m. The non-custodial parent shall also be entitled to summer visitation to commence on July 10 at 9:00 a.m. and end July 25 at 6:00 p.m. During the summer visitation periods, all weekend visitation will be suspended.

**Child Support Abatement:** During the separate 15-day periods, child support shall abate by one-half.

**HOLIDAY VISITATION**

**Spring Break:** Even-numbered years as defined by the school system, commencing at 6:00 p.m. the day school dismisses for Spring Break and continuing until 6:00 p.m. the day before school resumes. The custodial parent shall enjoy the Spring Break holiday according to the same schedule in odd-numbered years.

**Easter Weekend:** Odd-numbered years, commencing at 6:00 p.m. Friday until 6:00 p.m. on Easter Sunday. The custodial parent shall enjoy the Easter weekend holiday according to the same schedule in even-numbered years.

**Memorial Day:** Even-numbered years, commencing at 6:00 p.m. on Friday until 6:00 p.m. on Monday. The custodial parent shall enjoy the Memorial Day holiday according

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to the same schedule in odd-numbered years.

**Independence Day:** Odd-numbered years, commencing at 9:00 a.m. on July 4 and ending at 10:00 a.m. on July 5. The custodial parent shall enjoy the Independence Day holiday according to the same schedule in even-numbered years.

**Labor Day:** Even-numbered years, commencing at 6:00 p.m. on Friday until 6:00 p.m. on Monday. The custodial parent shall enjoy the Labor Day holiday according to the same schedule in odd-numbered years.

**Halloween:** Odd-numbered years, commencing at 5:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. The custodial parent shall enjoy the Halloween holiday according to the same schedule in even-numbered years.

**Thanksgiving:** Even-numbered years, commencing at 6:00 p.m. Wednesday before Thanksgiving and continuing until 6:00 p.m. Sunday. The custodial parent shall enjoy the Thanksgiving holiday according to the same schedule in odd-numbered years.

**Christmas (even-numbered years):** Commencing at 10:00 a.m. on the day marking the halfway point of the school vacation and continuing until 6:00 p.m. the day before school resumes. The custodial parent shall enjoy the Christmas holiday commencing at 6:00 p.m. on the day school dismisses for the Christmas break and continuing until 10:00 a.m. on the day marking the halfway point of the school vacation. If the parents live within a one-hour drive, the parent without the child(ren) on Christmas Day shall have visitation from 2:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. and shall provide transportation.

**Christmas (odd-numbered years):** Commencing at 6:00 p.m. on the day school dismisses for the Christmas break and continuing until 10:00 a.m. on the day marking the halfway point of the school vacation. The custodial parent shall enjoy the Christmas holiday commencing at 10:00 a.m. on the day marking the halfway point of the school vacation and continuing until 6:00 p.m. the day before school resumes. If the parents live within a one-hour drive, the parent without the child(ren) on Christmas Day shall have visitation from 2:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. and shall provide transportation.

**Father's Day/Mother's Day:** Father shall have visitation on each Father's Day weekend and Mother shall have the same visitation each Mother's Day weekend, commencing at 6:00 p.m. on Friday until 8:00 p.m. on Sunday.

### **SPECIAL VISITATION:**

**Electronic Communication:** The non-custodial parent may communicate with the child(ren) by electronic means (i.e. telephone, mobile phone, text message, video conference, etc.) at reasonable times prior to 8:00 p.m. The frequency of said communications shall be reasonable.

**Birthdays:** The party not having actual custody or visitation with the child shall enjoy three (3) hours for the purpose of party and delivery of gifts, commencing at 4:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. on the day following each child's birthday. This visitation shall include all minor children.

**Transportation:** The non-custodial parent shall provide transportation for the visitations as long as both parents reside in Madison or Washington County, Arkansas.

**Conflicts:** Longer holidays (for example, Spring Break) take precedence over shorter holidays (for example, Easter)

### **GENERAL PROVISIONS:**

The parties are encouraged to agree upon any additional visitation they may deem appropriate.

Each parent is enjoined and restrained from removing the child(ren) from the jurisdiction of this Court, except for brief vacation trips, without permission specifically granted by order of this Court, or by written consent of both parents to be filed with the Court Clerk.

Each parent shall keep the other fully informed of his/her residence address, postal box address, telephone and cell phone numbers, email address, and all known pertinent information regarding the health, education and welfare of the child(ren).

Neither party shall co-habitat with a member of the opposite sex or other romantic partner to whom they are not married while in the presence of the child(ren).

All communication concerning visitation and other child-related matters shall be by the parents. Children and step-parents shall not be used as messengers with relation to such matters.

Neither parent shall make derogatory remarks about the other in the presence of the child(ren) or by technology (i.e., Facebook, MySpace, Twitter, etc.) that is accessible to the children, nor shall either parent permit third parties to make such remarks in the presence of the child(ren).

In the event the non-custodial parent is unable to exercise visitations at the prescribed time, he or she shall, as quickly as practicable, advise the custodial parent of the length of any delay or of cancellation.

Child(ren) shall not be permitted to make decisions regarding visitations. The custodial parent is charged with the duty and responsibility to insure compliance with the visitation schedule and may not independently suspend or terminate visitation for any reason, absent and emergency.

Willful violation of the Visitation Order may result in a finding of contempt of court and the violator subjected to such punishment as deemed appropriate by the Court.