

**SUGGESTED VISITATION SCHEDULE  
4TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT  
Divisions 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, and 7**

The non-custodial parent shall be entitled to fair visitation privileges with the minor 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 the time the minor child(ren) is/are released from school on Friday, or if the minor child(ren) are not attending school, at 3:30 p.m., and shall end at the beginning of the school day on Monday following the weekend, or at 7:30 a.m. if the minor child is not attending school. All special, holiday, and summer visitation as hereinafter set forth shall take precedence. Weekend visitation missed due to conflicts with special, holiday, or summer visitation will not be made up. The non-custodial parent is responsible for pick-up and drop-off at school at the beginning/end of each weekend visitation. The 5<sup>th</sup> weekend visitation occurs when there are five (5) Fridays in a month.

**MID-WEEK VISITATION:** Mid-week visitation shall be one evening per week and shall begin at the time the minor child(ren) is/are released from school, or if the minor child(ren) are not attending school, at 3:30 p.m., and shall end the same day at 8:00 p.m. If the parties are unable to agree on the day of the week on which the evening visit will occur, it will take place on Tuesdays. The non-custodial parent is responsible for pickup and return of the child(ren) at the beginning and end of each mid-week visitation.

**SUMMER VISITATION:** Unless otherwise agreed upon by the parties, the summer visitation for the father shall commence June 15<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. and end June 30<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. Summer visitation for the mother shall commence July 25<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. and end August 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. The non-custodial parent shall also be entitled to summer visitation to commence on July 7<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. and end on July 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6:00 p.m. During the summer visitation periods, all weekend and mid-week visitation periods will be suspended.

**CHILD SUPPORT:** During the non-custodial parent's 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 the time the minor child(ren) is/are released from school on Friday, or if the minor child(ren) is/are not attending school, at 3:30 p.m., and continuing until the beginning of the school day on Monday following Spring Break, or at 7:30 a.m. if the minor child(ren) is/are not attending school. The custodial parent shall enjoy the Spring Break holiday according to the same schedule in odd-numbered years.

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**Easter Weekend:** Odd-numbered years, commencing at the time the minor child(ren) is/are released from school on Friday, or if the minor child(ren) is/are not attending school, at 3:30 p.m., until the beginning of the school day on Monday following the holiday weekend, or at 7:30 a.m. if the minor child is not attending school. 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 the time the minor child(ren) is/are released from school on Friday, or if the minor child(ren) is/are not attending school, at 3:30 p.m., until the beginning of the school day on Tuesday following the holiday weekend, or at 7:30 a.m. if the minor child(ren) is/are not attending school. The custodial parent shall enjoy the Memorial Day holiday according to the same schedule in odd-numbered years.

**Independence Day:** Odd-numbered years, commencing at 9:00 a.m. on July 4<sup>th</sup> and ending at 10:00 a.m. on July 5<sup>th</sup>. 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 the time the minor child(ren) is/are released from school on Friday, or if the minor child(ren) is/are not attending school, at 3:30 p.m., until the beginning of the school day on Tuesday following the holiday weekend, or at 7:30 a.m. if the minor child(ren) is/are not attending school. The custodial parent shall enjoy the Labor Day holiday according to the same schedule in odd-numbered years.

**Halloween:** Odd-numbered years, commencing at the time the minor child(ren) is/are released from school, or if the minor child(ren) are not attending school, at 3:30 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 when the minor child(ren) is/are released from school for Thanksgiving Break, or, if the minor child(ren) is/are not attending school, at 3:30 p.m. on the day public school in the school district in which the custodial parent resides releases for Thanksgiving Break, and shall end at the beginning of the school day on Monday following the Thanksgiving Break from school or at 7:30 a.m. on the Monday following Thanksgiving if the minor child(ren) is/are not attending school. 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. 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. The custodial parent shall enjoy the Christmas holiday according to the same schedule in odd-numbered years.

**Christmas (odd-numbered years):** Commencing when the minor child(ren) is/are released from school for Christmas Break, or, if the minor child(ren) is/are not attending school, at 3:30 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 according to the same schedule in even-numbered years.

**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 when the minor child(ren) is/are released from school on Friday, or, if the minor child(ren) is/are not attending school, at 3:30 p.m. on Friday until the beginning of the school day on Monday following the weekend, or at 7:30 a.m. if the minor child is not attending school.

If school is in session, the parent exercising visitation shall be required to make certain that school assignments and homework are complete and the child(ren) is/are prepared for school. The parent exercising visitation shall also insure the child(ren) arrive at school on time.

If the minor children are not yet school-aged or do not attend school, the parties shall follow the public school calendar in the district where the custodial parent resides, for purposes of holiday visitation.

#### **SPECIAL VISITATION:**

**Electronic Visitation:** The party not having actual custody or visitation with the child(ren) 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.

**Each Child's Birthday:** 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 or children from the State of Arkansas, except for vacation trips, without permission specifically granted by order of this Court, or by written consent of both parents to be filed with the Circuit Clerk.

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

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Neither party shall cohabit with a 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) nor 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 visitation at the prescribed time, he/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 visitation. 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 an emergency.

The custodial parent shall timely provide the noncustodial parent with all information regarding the minor child(ren)'s medical and health status, including the names and addresses of all medical providers and access to all medical and health related records or documents, including the signing of any release of information or other documents required by the medical provider to accomplish this. Either parent seeking medical or health-related treatment for the minor child(ren) shall notify the other parent of such treatment prior to receiving the treatment, if possible. In an emergency situation where it is not possible to notify the other parent before the treatment, the parent seeking the treatment for the child(ren) shall notify the other parent as soon as possible after the immediate emergency is resolved, and in no event shall the notification be later than 24 hours after treatment is received.

Where the Divorce Decree, Property Settlement Agreement or Court Order requires each parent to pay for one-half (½) of all health-related expenses incurred for the minor child(ren), the parent seeking reimbursement for the child(ren) shall provide a copy of the billing, receipt, or other supporting documentation to the other parent within ten (10) days of the treatment. The parent carrying the insurance coverage for the minor child(ren) shall then process the claim through the insurance carrier and shall provide the other parent with an Explanation of Benefits from the insurance carrier within ten (10) days of receipt. The parents will have thirty (30) days from the receipt of the Explanation of Benefits to pay their one-half (½) of the medical bill. In the event the claim is not to be processed through insurance (for co-payments or similar situations), the parent receiving the bill will have thirty (30) days from receipt of the bill to pay one-half (½) of the bill. It is each parent's responsibility to hold the other harmless from liability or obligation for their one-half (½) of any health related expenses for the minor child(en).

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.

DATED this 13<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2016.

