



**FRIEND OF THE COURT  
FOR THE  
FIFTIETH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COURT OF MICHIGAN**

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**SPECIFIC PERIODS OF PARENTING TIME**

The following schedule is the standard policy adopted by the Chippewa County Friend of the Court as Specific Periods of Parenting Time:

**WEEKENDS** – begin at 6:00p on Friday ending 6:00p on Sunday

The non-custodial parent shall be entitled to parenting time every other weekend

The non-custodial parent whose employment dictates rotating days off shall be entitled to exercise their weekend of parenting time on their rotating days off (times will vary)

**EVENING DURING THE WEEK** – begins at 5:00p ending at 8:00p

If the parties cannot agree on the weekday evening – Wednesday will be the evening exercised every week

The non-custodial parent with rotating days off will not allow a specific weekday; therefore, every week time will encompass their rotating days off (times will vary)

**\*\*HOLIDAY** – Mother shall exercise holidays listed as “A” in EVEN numbered years

Father shall exercise holidays listed as “B” in EVEN numbered years

Parties will alternate the following year

B- Easter (begins on Good Friday at 6:0p ending Easter Sunday at 6:00p)

A-Memorial Day (begins on Friday 6:00p ending Memorial Day 6:00p)

B-Independence Day (begins July 3<sup>rd</sup> 6:00p ending July 5<sup>th</sup> 6:00p)

A-Labor Day (begins Friday 6:00p ending Labor Day 6:00p)

B-Halloween (begins 5:00p ending 8:00p)

A-Thanksgiving (begins Wednesday 6:00p ending Sunday 6:00p)

B-Christmas Eve (24<sup>th</sup>) begins 12:00noon ending Christmas Day (25<sup>th</sup>) 12:00noon

A-Christmas Day (25<sup>th</sup>) begins 12:00noon ending the 26<sup>th</sup> at 12:00noon

**SCHOOL BREAKS** – dictated by yearly school calendar

**\*\*Christmas Break** – parties will divide this break equally in-half. Begins 6:00p the day school is released ending at 6:00p when the other parent begins their period of parenting time ending 6:00p the day before school is to resume

Mother having first half in ODD numbered years

Father having the first half in EVEN number years

Parties continue to exchange Christmas Eve and Christmas Day outlined in above Holidays

**\*\*Spring Break** – parties shall alternate this break from school. Break begins 6:00p the day school is released ending on Sunday at 6:00p the day before school resumes.

Mother shall exercise parenting time in EVEN numbered years

Father shall exercise parenting time in ODD numbered years

**\*\*Summer Parenting Time** – prior to the child’s sixth birthday, summer parenting time for the defendant shall consist of four (4) nonconsecutive one-week blocks. The one week blocks will begin at 6:00p on the non-custodial parent’s weekend and end 6:00p the following Friday. The non-custodial parent will provide advance notice in writing at least 30 days prior to exercising the first

week to the custodial parent and the Friend of the Court of when the four (4) nonconsecutive one-week blocks will be exercised.

After the child's sixth (6<sup>th</sup>) birthday – summer block time shall begin at 6:00p one week after school is released ending at 6:00p one week before school is scheduled to resume. Custodial parent will exercise every other weekend during this period.

**\*\*** Birthday of the minor child – begins 8:00a ending 8:00p, unless minor child is in school which will begin one hour after school is released ending 8:00p.

Mother shall exercise oldest child's birthday in EVEN; other child's birthday in ODD numbered years

Father shall exercise oldest child's birthday in ODD; other child's birthday in EVEN numbered years

More than two children, parties will alternate in the above fashion.

**\*\*** Birthday of the Parents – same provisions as above, parties will exercise their birthday each year

**\*\*** Father's Day and Mother's Day – begins on Friday at 6:00p ending Sunday 6:00p

Those marked with an **asterisk (\*)** are general parenting time provisions

Those marked with an **asterisk (\*\*)** are specific parenting time provisions that take precedence over general provisions.

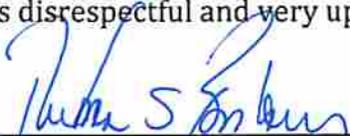
TRANSPORTATION: The parent exercising parenting time is responsible for pickup of the child(ren) at the beginning of their parenting time and the other parent is responsible for pickup at the end to begin their parenting time. The parent should generally provide transportation; *HOWEVER*, on occasion, a responsible adult, known to the child(ren) can assist with the transportation. All children must have the proper safety equipment in the vehicle before transportation can occur.

LATE PICKUP – if parties reside within 50 miles of each other, there is a 15 minute waiting period; parties reside more than 50 miles from each other there shall be a 30 minute waiting period. Parties should contact the other parent if they are unable to exercise their periods of parenting time.

If a parent who is scheduled to begin their period of parenting time elects not to appear at their court ordered time they have **forfeited** their parenting time for that scheduled period. Parties should contact each other in advance if they are unable to exercise their parenting time and make other arrangements when necessary. The Friend of the Court will not take any enforcement action.

ADVANCE NOTICE OF INABILITY TO EXERCISE PARENTING TIME: Parenting time is ordered because it is in the best interest of the child(ren). It is **EXPECTED** that both parents will assure that all scheduled parenting time occurs without incident. The non-custodial shall arrange his/her schedule so parenting time will occur. In the event the non-custodial parent is unable to exercise scheduled parenting time, he/she shall give the custodial parent twenty-four (24) hours advance notice, as your child is waiting for your arrival and not showing is disrespectful and very upsetting to the child.

Adopted January 1, 2010

  
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Chippewa County Friend of the Court