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CHIPPEWA COUNTY
FRIEND OF THE COURT PARENTING TIME POLICY

SPECIFIC PARENTING TIME: *If your judgement contains "specific parenting time" to be exercised by the parties, this office will enforce to keep the parties in compliance of the current order. A party who believes his/her parenting time has been violated may file the appropriate paperwork with the Friend of the Court office and the necessary action will be taken to determine if a violation has occurred.*

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 6:00pm on Friday and end at 6:00pm 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 5:00pm and ends at 8:00pm*
If parties can not agree to 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, parenting time will encompass their rotating days off (times will vary).

****Holidays:**

- B-Easter (begins on Good Friday 6:00p ending Easter Sunday at 6:00p)*
- A-Memorial Day (begins on Friday 6:00p ending Memorial Day 6:00p).*
- B-Independence Day (begins July 3rd 6:00p ending July 5th 6:00p)*
- A-Labor Day (begins on Friday 6:00p ending Labor Day 6:00p).*
- B-Halloween (begins 5:00p ending 8:00p)*
- A-Thanksgiving (begins on Wednesday 6:00p ending Sunday 6:00p)*
- B-Christmas Eve (24th) begins 12:00noon ending Christmas Day (25th) 12:00noon*
- A-Christmas Day (25th) begins 12:00noon ending the 26th 12:00noon*

MOTHER shall exercise holidays A in even numbered years

FATHER shall exercise holidays B in even number years.

Parties will alternate the following year

School Breaks: *Dictated by Yearly School Calendar*

****Christmas Break:** *parties shall divide the Christmas Break in-half. Begins at 6:00p ending 6:00p when other parent begins their periods of parenting time*

MOTHER having first half in ODD NUMBER YEARS

FATHER having first half in EVEN NUMBER YEARS

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

****Spring Break:** parties shall alternate Spring Break from school.
Break begins at 6:00p the day school is released ending on Sunday at 6:00p the day before school is to resume.
MOTHER shall exercise parenting time in EVEN NUMBER YEARS
FATHER shall exercise parenting time in ODD NUMBER YEARS

Summer Parenting Time: prior to the child's sixth birthday, summer parenting time for the non-custodial parent shall consist of four (4) nonconsecutive one-week blocks. The one week block will begin at 6:00pm on the non-custodial parent's weekend and end 6:00pm the next Friday when the custodial parent's weekend begins. Advance notice to be given in writing at least 30 days prior to exercising the first week to the other parent and the Friend of the Court.

After the child's sixth birthday, summer block parenting time for the non-custodial parent will begin at 6:00pm one week after school has recessed ending at 6:00p one week before school resumes for the next school year, during this period the other parent will exercise every other weekend.

****Birthdays of Children:** MOTHER shall have child's birthday in EVEN NUMBER YEARS.
FATHER shall have child's birthday in ODD NUMBER YEARS.

If there is more than one child this parenting time shall include all the children. Parenting time begins at 8:00am and end at 8:00pm. EXCEPT when the child celebrating his/her birthday is in school, parenting time shall begin one hour after school recesses for the day and ends 8:00pm

****Birthday of the Parents:**

Mother shall have child(ren) on her birthday and father shall have child(ren) on his birthday. Same provisions as above apply.

****Father's & Mother's Day:** Begins on Friday at 6:00p and end Sunday 6:00pm Mothers/Fathers Day.

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

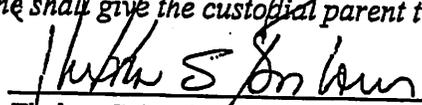
Those marked with two asterisks (**) are specific parenting time provisions. Specific parenting time provisions take precedent over general provisions.

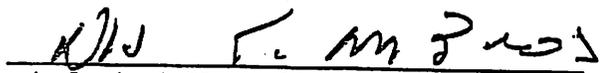
Transportation: the parent exercising parenting time is responsible for pickup of the child(ren) at the beginning of parenting time and the other parent is responsible for pickup at the end of parenting time. The parent should generally provide transportation, HOWEVER; on occasion, a responsible adult,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

Late Pickup: if the parents reside within 50 miles of each other there shall be a 15-minute waiting period. If the parents reside more than 50 miles for each other there shall be a 30-minute waiting period.

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 both parents will assure that all scheduled parenting time occurs. The non-custodial parent shall arrange his/her schedule so parenting 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.

The foregoing policy is adopted January 1, 2010


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Authorized: Honorable Nicholas J. Lambros
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