

## **V. PARENTING TIME/VISITATION RIGHTS**

The Juvenile Division of the Lake County Court of Common Pleas hereby adopts the following parenting time/visitation schedule applicable to all cases involving custody and parenting time/visitation within this Division, whether initiated herein or certified by the Domestic Relations Division. Said schedule is similar but not identical to the parenting time/visitation schedule adopted by and set out in Rule 23 of the Domestic Relations Division.

The non-residential parent's parenting time with the child or children shall, at the Court's discretion, be as follows:

1. **WEEKENDS:** Alternating weekends from Friday night at 7:00 P.M. to Sunday night at 7:00 P.M.
2. **MIDWEEK:** In addition to weekends, the child(ren) shall spend a minimum of one (1) day visitation as follows:
  - a. For a pre-kindergarten child, 5:00 P.M. to 7:30 P.M.
  - b. For a child in grades kindergarten-8th grade, 5:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M.
  - c. For children in grades 9-12, 5:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M.

If there is more than one (1) child, the hour of return shall be the hour for return of the youngest child. If the parents cannot agree, the day of the midweek parenting time shall be Wednesday.

### **3. DAYS OF SPECIAL MEANING:**

- a. Mother's Day and mother's birthday shall always be spent with mother; Father's Day and father's birthday shall always be spent with father. If the parties cannot agree on times, the time shall be 10:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M. if the birthday falls on a non-school day, and 5:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. if the birthday falls on a school day.
- b. The child's birthday shall be spent with mother in even numbered years, and with father in odd numbered years. If the parties cannot agree, the time shall be 10:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M. for a child not in school on the birthday, and 5:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. for a child in school on the birthday. The child's brothers and sisters shall attend the birthday event when they are not in school.

### **4. HOLIDAYS:** If not changed by agreement, holiday times shall be as follows:

<b>HOLIDAY</b>	<b>EVEN NUMBERED YEARS</b>	<b>ODD NUMBERED YEARS</b>	<b>TIME PERIOD</b>
Easter	Father	Mother	10:00 A.M. – 7:00 P.M.
Memorial Day	Mother	Father	9:00 A.M. – 9:00 P.M.
July 4 <sup>th</sup>	Father	Mother	9:00 A.M. – 10:30 P.M.

Labor Day	Mother	Father	9:00 A.M. – 9:00 P.M.
Thanksgiving	Father	Mother	9:00 A.M. – 9:00 P.M.
Christmas Eve	Mother	Father	10:00 A.M. on 12/24 to 10:00 A.M. on 12/25
Christmas Day	Father	Mother	10:00 A.M. on 12/25 to 10:00 A.M. on 12/26
New Year's Eve/Day	Mother	Father	5:00 P.M. on 12/31 to 11:00 A.M. on 1/1
New Year's Day	Mother	Father	11:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M.

- a. The parent having possession on Christmas Day shall retain possession during the second half of the winter school break, and the other parent shall have possession during the first half of the winter school break. The parent having possession on Easter Sunday shall retain possession during the second half of the spring school break, and the other parent shall have possession during the first half of the spring school break. If the children are not of school age, the extended possessory periods shall be determined from the school calendar of the district where the residential parent resides.
  - b. If the non-residential parent has parenting time on a weekend immediately preceding his/her designated Monday holiday, the possession time shall be extended overnight on Sunday through the holiday period.
5. **SUMMER VACATION:** Two (2) weeks of uninterrupted summer parenting time each year are to be arranged by the non-residential parent with advance notice, in writing, by May 15th each year to the residential parent. The residential parent shall have two (2) weeks of uninterrupted summer possession each year which shall be arranged by the residential parent with advance notice, in writing, by May 30th each year to the non-residential parent. If there is a conflict between the parties as to the dates of summer parenting time, the nonresidential parent's dates shall be given priority.
6. **GRANDPARENT VISITATION:** When each party has possession of the child(ren), each will afford his/her parents grandparental rights of visitation and neither side will interfere with the exercise of the same.
7. **PRECEDENCE:** The summer vacation periods and holiday rotations shall take precedence over only the alternating weekend and midweek times.
8. **TRANSPORTATION:** The parent who is receiving parenting time shall be responsible for transportation.
9. **COURT ORDERS:** The aforementioned schedule shall appear in every Court order which also disposes of a child support order and/or the allocation of parental rights and responsibilities, unless the parties jointly agree to a different schedule. The Court reserves the right to deviate from this schedule for good cause shown.