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STATE OF ARKANSAS
CIRCUIT COURT

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STANDARD ORDER REGARDING CHILD VISITATION AND RELATED MATTERS

Unless otherwise ordered by this Court, this Order should be attached to and incorporated by reference into the Court's Order or Decree. The Holiday Visitation set forth below shall supersede the Weekly Visitation.

The visitation specified in this Order does not apply to children under the age of one (1) year. Visitation will be specifically set forth on a case-by-case basis for such children.

The parties are encouraged to be flexible and reasonable with each other in arranging visitation, especially when they are separated by a significant distance. The Court has attempted to foresee and make provisions for most conflicts, such as one parent's birthday visitation occurring during another parent's weekend visitation, but not all conflicts can be foreseen and provided for.

Specific Visitation: The non-custodial parent shall have the following specified visitation:

Weekly: Ages 1 and 2 years: the first weekend of each month from 5:00 p.m. Saturday until 5:00 p.m. Sunday and for all other Saturdays from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., unless otherwise specified by the Court. Ages 3 and above: each Wednesday from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. and every other weekend from 5:00 p.m. Friday until 5:00 p.m. Sunday. Visitation will begin the second weekend after the latest court appearance. The non-custodial parent may enjoy lunch with his or her child(ren) on the days the non-custodial parent has a scheduled visitation. This Order does not exclude any parent from attending school functions open to the public.

Valentine's Day: Ages 3 and above: Every even numbered year from 5:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. and shall also include attending the child(ren)'s Valentine party at school.

Child's Birthday: Every year from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. and shall include the child's biological or adopted siblings. If the child's birthday falls during any period of the non-custodial parent's visitation the custodial parent will, nevertheless, have visitation on the child's birthday from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Spring Break: Does not apply to children under 3. Every even numbered year from 5:00 p.m. the day school adjourns until 5:00 p.m. the day before school resumes, whether or not the child attends school. If Easter falls during spring break the spring break visitation will end at 8:00 p.m. on the Saturday prior to Easter.

Easter: Every odd numbered year from 6:00 p.m. on the Saturday immediately prior to Easter until 5:00 p.m. Easter Sunday, unless Easter falls during a regular visitation weekend on the odd year. On an even numbered year if Easter Sunday falls on a regular visitation weekend of the non-custodial parent, the weekend visitation shall end at 6:00 p.m. Saturday. If Easter falls during spring break the spring break visitation will end at 8:00 p.m. on the Saturday prior to Easter.

Memorial Day Weekend: Does not apply to children under 3. Normal weekend visitation is suspended. Every even numbered year from 5:00 p.m. Friday until 8:00 p.m. Monday. If this weekend falls during summer visitation the non-custodial parent will have the weekend.

Mother's Day: To be spent with the mother each year from 9:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. whether or not the father would normally have the child or children on that day.

Father's Day: To be spent with the father each year from 9:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. whether or not the mother would normally have the child or children on that day.

July 4th: Every odd numbered year from 9:00 a.m. until 10:30 p.m. If this holiday occurs during the non-custodial parent's summer visitation, the custodial parent shall have visitation on even numbered years from 9:00 a.m. until 10:30 p.m.

Labor Day Weekend: Same as Memorial Day Weekend.

Halloween: Ages 3 and above: Every odd numbered year from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. and shall include the child(ren)'s Halloween party at school.

Thanksgiving Vacation: Every odd numbered year from 5:00 p.m. Wednesday to 5:00 p.m. Thanksgiving Day. If Thanksgiving is succeeded by a regular visitation weekend, the Thanksgiving vacation shall be from 5:00 p.m. Wednesday to 5:00 p.m. Sunday.

Christmas Vacation: Every even numbered year from 5:00 p.m. the day school adjourns until 3:00 p.m. Christmas Day. Every odd numbered year from 3:00 p.m. Christmas Day until 5:00 p.m. the day before school resumes. This Christmas schedule shall also apply to preschool children over the age of two (2). If a regular weekend visitation of the non-custodial parent falls during the Christmas vacation period when the child is with the custodial parent, the weekend visitation of the non-custodial parent will not take place. For ages one (1) and two (2) the non-custodial parent shall have visitation on Christmas Day from 2:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

Parent's Birthday: The child shall have visitation with the parent celebrating the birthday from 5:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. In the event the birthday of the custodial parent falls during regular visitation of the non-custodial parent, the custodial parent shall have visitation with the child from 5:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m.

Summer Visitation: If the child is less than three (3) years old, no additional visitation during the summer is ordered. For ages three (3) through five (5), two (2) weeks are provided beginning at 5:00 p.m. the first Friday after school adjourns (whether or not the child attends school) and ending at 5:00 p.m. the Friday after next. For ages six (6) and over, visitation will be for a period of six (6) weeks beginning at 5:00 p.m. the first Friday after school adjourns and ending at 5:00 p.m. on the following sixth Friday. The weekly Wednesday visitation shall be suspended during the summer.

The permanent custodian of children ages three (3) through five (5) will have visitation on the middle weekend from 9:00 a.m. on Saturday until 6:00 p.m. Saturday and with children ages six (6) and over from 6:00 p.m. Friday until 6:00 Sunday on the third weekend. If the father is the non-custodial parent and the mother's weekend visitation falls on Father's Day, then the mother shall have visitation the weekend following Father's Day.

The custodial parent shall enjoy summer visitation with the minor child(ren) for an uninterrupted ten day period after the non-custodial parent's visitation concludes upon seven days advanced written notice.

Child Support: THE NON-CUSTODIAL PARENT WILL PAY ONE-HALF OF THE NORMAL AMOUNT OF CHILD SUPPORT DURING PERIODS OF VISITATION OF TWO (2) WEEKS OR LONGER. It is the responsibility of the non-custodial parent or his/her attorney to notify the Clerk of the Court and employer (if wage withholding is in effect) of any abeyance of child support during any period of visitation of two (2) weeks or longer.

Additional Visitation: The Court encourages and approves the parties agreeing to as much additional visitation as they desire. It also encourages and approves the parties agreeing to flexibility with the visitation specified in this Order. However, in the absence of agreement, the terms of this Order are to be strictly observed.

If siblings are involved and one of the children is between the ages of 1 and 5 and the other child is age 6 or older, then the visitation of the younger child shall be the same as the visitation of the older child.

Transportation: The non-custodial parent shall be responsible for transportation at the beginning of the visitation and the custodial parent shall be responsible for the return transportation at the end of the visitation. Pick up and return times should be strictly observed. In the rare instance when the times cannot be observed, the other party must be given as much advance notice as possible. Transportation shall be provided only by a responsible adult.

No Removal from State: Both parties are enjoined and restrained from removing the child or children from the State of Arkansas except for brief trips and vacations without the advance written permission of the Court. The Court will not grant permission for permanent removal without a hearing unless both parties have agreed in writing to the removal with notarized signatures filed with the Court. Visitation modifications shall likewise be in writing with notarized signatures and filed with the Court.

Current Address and Telephone Number: Each party shall keep the other advised at all times of his or her current address and telephone number. The child or children should be permitted to call the other parent at all reasonable times.

School, Health Records and Extracurricular Activities: The custodial parent shall authorize school officials and health care providers to release the child's records to the non-custodial parent upon request.

Welfare of Children: The children are to be kept in a proper and wholesome environment at all times. Both parties are enjoined and restrained from making derogatory remarks about the other parent in the presence of the child or children, and from allowing others to do so.

This Order shall supersede all prior Standard Orders Regarding Child Visitation and Related Matters.

IT IS SO ORDERED this 12th day of JANUARY, 2021.



Stephen Tabor, Circuit Judge, Division I



Annie Powell Hendricks, Circuit Judge, Division II




Shannon Blatt, Circuit Judge, Division III



Leigh T. Zuerker, Circuit Judge, Division IV



Gunner Delay, Circuit Judge, Division V



Greg Magness, Circuit Judge, Division VI



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