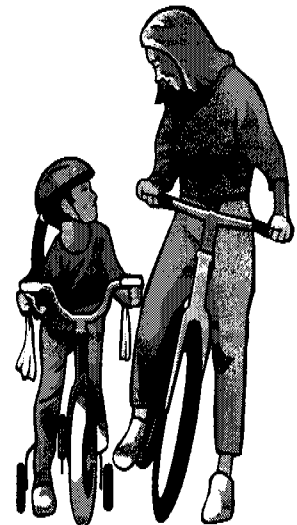
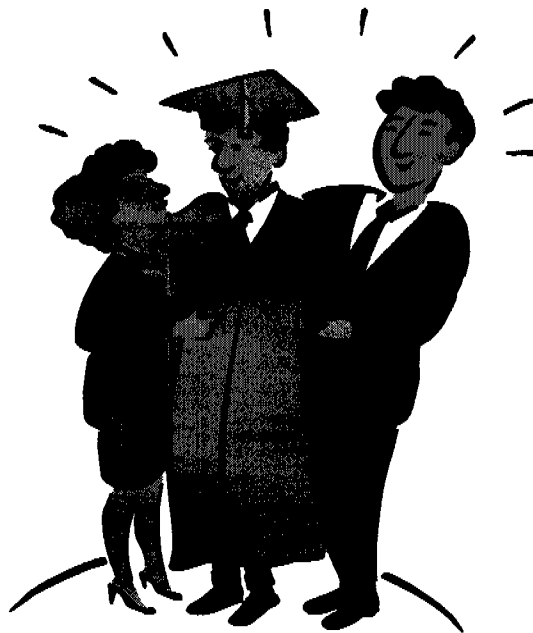
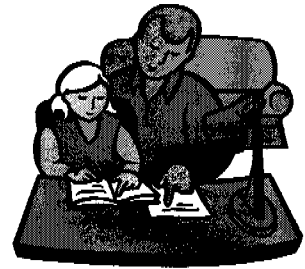


**54<sup>TH</sup> Judicial Circuit Court - Family Court**

**FRIEND OF THE COURT  
REVISED  
CO-PARENTING  
SCHEDULES  
Tuscola County**



Effective 01/01/2009

# FRIEND OF THE COURT REVISED CO-PARENTING SCHEDULES

## 54<sup>TH</sup> Judicial Circuit Court – Family Court– Tuscola County

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**COURT'S PHILOSOPHY = Both parents should facilitate and encourage the relationship that the child(ren) have with the other parent.** The child(ren) should develop strong bonds with both parents and both parents should be involved in their child(ren)'s life. The Court encourages the parents to determine a schedule that is in the best interests of the child(ren). However, *the Friend of the Court cannot enforce verbal agreements between the parents.*

### REASONABLE PARENTING TIME:

If the Court Order states "reasonable" parenting time or pursuant to the FOC guidelines, the following is the schedule that will be enforced by the Friend of the Court. If your order has days and times specified, the Friend of the Court MUST FOLLOW the written orders of the Court.

**UNLESS YOUR COURT ORDER SPECIFIES DIFFERENTLY, THE FRIEND OF THE COURT WILL ENFORCE THE MOST RECENT REVISION OF THIS SCHEDULE.**

### ❖ CHILDREN UNDER THE AGE OF THREE (3) YEARS

All children will follow the same schedule as the oldest child represented in the case. In the event that the parents cannot agree:

#### Age 0-6 months:

- Two (2) contacts of up to 4 hours each **AND** one 6-hour contact per week, not overnight. If the parties are unable to agree, the days for parenting time shall be:
- Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 9 AM to 3 PM **OR** 2 PM to 8 PM.

#### Age 6-24 months:

- Every Tuesday at 6 PM until Wednesday at 6PM;
- ALTERNATE weekend time is defined as Friday 6PM until Saturday 6 PM **OR**
- Saturday 6PM until Sunday 6PM
- The holiday schedule on page 2 shall apply.

#### Age 24-36 months:

- Every Tuesday from 6 PM to the following Wednesday at 6PM; **AND**
- ALTERNATE weekend parenting time is Friday 6PM until Sunday 6 PM.
- Summer parenting time shall be the third full week in June, July and August starting Sunday 6 PM until the next Sunday 6PM.
- The holiday schedule on page 2 shall apply.

**NOTE:** This schedule is meant to promote frequency and consistency of contact, which is important for young children as well as provide a transitional period to prepare the child for continuing time with both parents. The FOC can assist the parties in setting a custom schedule upon written request.

## ❖ HOLIDAY PARENTING SCHEDULE

REGARDLESS OF THE DISTANCE BETWEEN THE RESIDENCES, BOTH PARENTS ARE ENTITLED TO THE FOLLOWING PARENTING TIME:

**HOLIDAYS: THE FOLLOWING TAKES PRECEDENCE OVER ANY OTHER PARENTING SCHEDULES:**

	<u>MOTHER</u>	<u>FATHER</u>
During <b>odd numbered</b> years -	Fourth of July Thanksgiving Child(ren's) Birthday	Easter Memorial Day Labor Day Halloween Christmas (Eve/Day)
During <b>even numbered</b> years -	Easter Memorial Day Labor Day Halloween Christmas (Eve/Day)	Fourth of July Thanksgiving Child(ren's) Birthday

**HOURS for Holidays** are as follows:

<u>Holiday</u>	<u>Pick-up time &amp; day</u>	<u>Return time &amp; day</u>
<b>Easter</b>	6 PM Friday	6 PM Easter Sunday
<b>Memorial Day</b>	6 PM the Friday before	6 PM Memorial Day
<b>Fourth of July</b>	6 PM on the 3rd	6 PM on the 5th
<b>Labor Day</b>	6 PM the Friday before	6 PM on Labor Day
<b>Halloween</b>	4 PM Halloween Day	8 PM Halloween
<b>Thanksgiving</b>	6 PM the Wednesday before	6 PM Sunday
<b>Christmas</b>	<b>SEE PAGE 3 OF PARENTING TIME SCHEDULE</b>	

**Mother's Day Weekend** 6 PM Friday 6 PM Sunday

\*\*the child(ren) are **always** with mother on this holiday weekend

**Father's Day Weekend** 6 PM Friday 6 PM Sunday

\*\*the child(ren) are always with father on this holiday weekend.

**Children's Birthdays** 6 PM the day before 6 PM Birthday

***The birthday takes precedence over any other parenting time*** and all of the children shall spend the time for each child's birthday together with the parent who receives the birthday.

**TRANSPORTATION for ALL exchanges:** Unless specified otherwise by the court order and in the event that the parents cannot agree, ***the Friend of the Court will enforce that the parent receiving the child shall be responsible for transportation of the child(ren).***

**REVISED PARENTING TIME SCHEDULE  
TUSCOLA COUNTY  
FRIEND OF THE COURT**

Effective: 01/01/09  
Revised: 09/05/08

PARENTS LIVE WITHIN 150 MILES OF EACH OTHER

All children will follow the same schedule as the oldest child represented in this case.

**TELEPHONE** - If the parents cannot agree, the absent parent shall be allowed telephone communication with the child(ren) every Tuesday & Thursday at 7PM for at least 15 minutes per child.

**WEEKENDS** – If the parents cannot agree, each parent shall have the child(ren) on alternate **weekends FROM 6:00 PM Friday until 6:00 PM Sunday**.

**SUMMER PARENTING TIME** – If the parents cannot agree, the parents shall **alternate two consecutive weeks starting in the summer** on the 1st Sunday after the school year ends and continue until the Sunday prior to the next school year. The non-custodial parent shall be entitled to the 1st week of summer parenting time & all exchanges shall be at 6PM.

<b>BREAKS:</b>	<u>ODD YRS</u>	<u>EVEN YRS</u>
Christmas Break	Father-1st half	Mother-1st half
Spring Break	Mother	Father
Other Breaks:	Absent parent	Absent parent

**OTHER BREAKS (not addressed):** Defined as 4 or more consecutive non-school days are provided to the absent parent. Exchanges shall be at 6PM the last day of school until 6PM the day before school resumes.

**CHRISTMAS** – First half begins at 6PM the day school ends & continues for 7 consecutive overnights that includes Christmas Eve & Christmas Day holidays. The second half begins at 6PM and continues until 6PM the day before school resumes.

**HOLIDAYS:** As described on page 2, holiday schedule.

PARENTS LIVE OVER 150 MILES OF EACH OTHER

All children will follow the same schedule as the oldest child represented in this case per child.

**TELEPHONE** - If the parents cannot agree, the absent parent shall be allowed telephone communication with the child(ren) every Tuesday & Thursday at 7PM for at least 15 minutes.

**WEEKENDS** – If the parents cannot agree, the absent parent shall receive the 3rd full weekend of each month during the school year.

**SUMMER PARENTING TIME** – If the parents cannot agree, the non-custodial parent shall receive the child(ren) at 6 PM on the Sunday of the 3rd full week of June and continue up to eight weeks.

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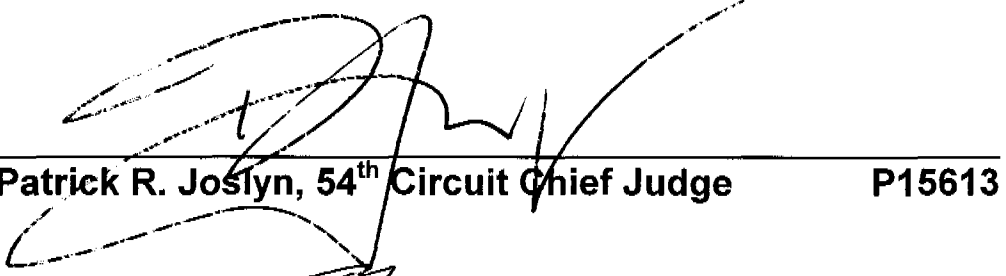
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THE FRIEND OF THE COURT & FAMILY DIVISION REFEREE HAVE AUTHORITY TO INTERPRET AND MAKE DETERMINATIONS FOR PURPOSES OF ENFORCEMENT.

THE UNDERSIGNED HAVE APPROVED AND ADOPTED THE TUSCOLA COUNTY FRIEND OF THE COURT CO-PARENTING SCHEDULE IN ITS ENTIRETY FOR THE FAMILY DIVISION OF THE 54TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COURT.

*9/15/08*  
Date  Honorable Patrick R. Joslyn, 54<sup>th</sup> Circuit Chief Judge P15613

*9-17-08*  
Date  Honorable W. Wallace Kent, Jr., Presiding Judge P15902

