

**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF _____ COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA**

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Plaintiff,	§	
v.	§	
	§	CIVIL ACTION
Defendant.	§	FILE NO. _____

PARENTING PLAN

() The parties have agreed to the terms of this plan and this information has been furnished by both parties to meet the requirements of O.C.G.A. § 19-9-1. The parties agree on the terms of the plan and affirm the accuracy of the information provided, as shown by their signatures at the end of this order.

() This plan has been prepared by the judge.

This plan is: () a new plan.
 () modifies an existing parenting plan entered _____
 () modifies an existing order entered _____

This plan shall continue until the child reaches the age of eighteen, dies, marries, or otherwise becomes emancipated.

The court recognizes that a close and continuing parent-child relationship and continuity in the child’s life is in the child’s best interest.

The court recognizes that a child’s needs will change and grow as the child matures; the parents should make a good faith effort to take these changing needs into account so that the need for future modifications to the parenting plan are minimized.

Child(ren)’s name(s)	Year of birth

I. CUSTODY AND DECISION MAKING:

A. Legal custody shall be (choose one):

- () with the Mother.
- () with the Father.
- () joint.

B. Primary physical custodian:

For each of the children named below, the primary physical custodian shall be:

Child(ren)'s name(s)	Year of birth	Physical Custodian

WHERE JOINT PHYSICAL CUSTODY IS CHOSEN BY THE PARENTS OR ORDERED BY THE COURT, A DETAILED PLAN OF THE LIVING ARRANGEMENTS OF THE CHILD(REN) SHALL BE ATTACHED AND MADE A PART OF THIS PARENTING PLAN.

C. Day-to-day decisions:

Each parent shall make decisions regarding the day-to-day care of a child while the child is residing with that parent, including any emergency decisions affecting the health or safety of a child.

D. Major decisions:

Major decisions regarding each child shall be made as follows:

- Educational decisions () Mother () Father () Joint
- Non-emergency health care () Mother () Father () Joint
- Religious upbringing () Mother () Father () Joint
- Extracurricular activities () Mother () Father () Joint

E. Disagreements:

Where parents have elected joint decision making in Section I (D), above, please explain how any disagreements in decision making will be resolved.

The (____) Mother or (____) Father shall have the final decision tie-breaking authority for the major decisions listed in Section D above.

II. PARENTING TIME / VISITATION SCHEDULES:

The [non-custodial parent] (____) Mother or (____) Father shall have the right to visit with the child(ren), away from the residence of the [custodial parent] (____) Mother or (____) Father, at all reasonable times as can be mutually agreed upon between the parties. In the event the parties cannot agree upon reasonable visitation, the visitation schedule set out in this Parenting Plan shall be controlling.

**** Where a school schedule is referenced in this Parenting Plan, the school schedule to be followed is the schedule of the school where the child(ren) attend(s). If the child does not attend school for any reason, including, but not limited to, not yet school age or home schooled, it will be the schedule of the public schools located in the county where the custodial parent resides.**

A. Parenting Time / Visitation

During the term of this parenting plan, the non-custodial parent shall have, at a minimum, the following rights of parenting time/visitation (choose an item):

- () The weekend of the first and third Friday of each month.
- () The weekend of the first, third, and fifth Friday of each month.
- () The weekend of the second and fourth Friday of each month.
- () Every other weekend.
- () Each _____ starting at _____ AM/PM and ending at _____ AM/PM.
- () Other: _____

Weekend visitation shall begin at 6:00 P.M. on Friday and end at 6:00 P.M. on the following Sunday.

This parenting schedule begins:

() _____, _____ AM/PM OR () the date of the Court's Order.
(Day and time)

B. Major Holidays and Vacation Periods

NOTE: The day to day schedule shall apply unless other arrangements are set forth:

THANKSGIVING:

() Mother or () Father shall have the minor child(ren) in all odd numbered calendar years, commencing at 6:00 P.M. on the Wednesday preceding Thanksgiving Day and ending at 6:00 P.M. on the following Sunday.

CHRISTMAS VACATION:

() Mother or () Father shall have the minor child(ren) during even numbered calendar years, for the first part of Christmas vacation from the day and time school is dismissed until December 25th at 3:00 P.M.

() Mother or () Father shall have the minor child(ren) during even numbered calendar years for the last part of Christmas vacation from 3:00 P.M. on December 25th until 6:00 P.M. on the evening before school resumes.

() Mother or () Father shall have the minor child(ren) during odd numbered calendar years, for the first part of Christmas vacation from the day and time school is dismissed until December 25th at 3:00 P.M.

() Mother or () Father shall have the minor child(ren) during odd numbered calendar years for the last part of Christmas vacation from 3:00 P.M. on December 25th until 6:00 P.M. on the evening before school resumes.

SUMMER VACATION:

Definition of summer vacation period: **The period of time from the day the child's school recesses at the end of a school year until the day before the child's school begins for the following school year.**

Mother and Father shall each have a two-week unbroken period of time in June and a two week unbroken period of time in July.

If the parties cannot agree, the () Mother **or** () Father shall have the period beginning at 6:00 P.M. on the first Friday in June and ending two weeks later on Friday at 6:00 P.M.

In July, the () Mother **or** () Father shall have the period beginning at 6:00 P. M. on the third Friday in July and ending two weeks later on Friday at 6:00 P.M.

The () Mother **or** () Father shall have the period beginning at 6:00 P.M. on the third Friday in June and ending two weeks later on Friday at 6:00 o'clock P.M.

The () Mother **or** () Father shall have the period beginning at 6:00 P.M. on the first Friday in July and ending two weeks later on Friday at 6:00 P.M.

IF THE PARTIES CANNOT AGREE, THE FOLLOWING SUMMER VISITATION SCHEDULE SHALL APPLY:

Each year, the Mother shall have summer visitation with the child for the period beginning at 6:00 P.M. on the day school is recessed for the summer vacation period and ending at 6:00 PM on the Saturday before Father's Day.

Each year, the Mother shall also have the period beginning at 3:00 P.M. on the first Saturday in July and ending two weeks later on Saturday at 3:00 P.M.

SPRING VACATION (if applicable):

Definition: The child's spring break from school.

The Father shall have the child(ren) in all even numbered calendar years from 6:00 P.M. on the day the child(ren) is/are released from school for said spring break until 6:00 P.M. on the day before the child's school resumes after the end of spring break.

The Mother shall have the child(ren) in all odd numbered calendar years from 6:00 P.M. on the day the child(ren) is/are released from school for said spring break until 6:00 P.M. on the day before the child’s school resumes after the end of spring break.

FALL VACATION (if applicable):

Definition: The child’s fall break from school.

The Mother shall have the child(ren) in all even numbered calendar years from 6:00 P.M. on the day the child(ren) is/are released from school for said fall break until 6:00 P.M. on the day before the child’s school resumes after the end of fall break.

The Father shall have the child(ren) in all odd numbered calendar years from 6:00 P.M. on the day the child(ren) is/are released from school for said fall break until 6:00 P.M. on the day before the child’s school resumes after the end of fall break.

C. Other Holiday Schedule (if applicable):

*Indicate if child(ren) will be with the parent in **ODD** or **EVEN** numbered years or indicate **EVERY** year:*

Holiday:	MOTHER	FATHER
Martin Luther King Day		
President’s Day		
Mother’s Day	Every	N/A
Memorial Day		
Father’s Day	N/A	Every
July Fourth		
Labor Day		
Halloween		
Child(ren)’s Birthday(s)		
Mother’s Birthday	EVERY	N/A

Holiday:	MOTHER	FATHER
Father's Birthday	N/A	EVERY
Religious Holidays		
Other:		
Other:		

D. Other extended periods of time during school, etc. (refer to the school schedule): _____

E. Start and end dates for holiday visitation:

For the purposes of this parenting plan, the holiday will start and end as follows:

- () Holidays that fall on Friday will include the following Saturday and Sunday.
- () Holidays that fall on Monday will include the preceding Saturday and Sunday.
- () Other: Mother's Day and Father's Day visitation shall begin at 6:00 P.M. on Saturday, the day before the holiday, and end at 6:00 P.M. the next day, on the day of the holiday.

F. Coordination of Parenting Schedules:

Check if applicable:

- () The holiday/vacation parenting time/visitation schedule takes precedence over the regular parenting time/weekend visitation schedule. Non-custodial Parent shall give Custodial Parent at least 24 hours notice of his/her intention to exercise each weekend visitation, and shall pick up said child(ren) within one hour of the time designated for the commencement of such visitation. Summer visitation requires a thirty days notice. All other visitations require a one week notice. Failure to give the required notice of intention to exercise any visitation or failure to pick up said child(ren) within one hour of the time designated for the commencement of such visitation shall constitute a waiver of that period of visitation.

() When the child(ren) is/are with a parent for an extended parenting time/visitation period (such as summer), the other parent shall be entitled to visit with the child(ren) during the extended period, as follows: _____

G. Transportation Arrangements:

For visitation, the place of meeting for the exchange of the child(ren) shall be:

A mutually agreed upon location. If the parties cannot agree, then the child(ren) shall be picked up at the home of the () Mother **or** () Father.

The () Mother **or** () Father will be responsible for transportation of the child at the beginning and at the conclusion of visitation.

Transportation costs, if any, will be allocated as follows:

() Mother () Father () both equally shall pay all costs of transporting the child for visitation.

Other provisions: The parents may designate another responsible adult to transport the child(ren): _____

H. Contacting the child:

When the child or children are in the physical custody of one parent, the other parent will have the right to contact the child or children as follows (check all that apply):

() Telephone, text

() Other: email, U.S.P.S.mail

() Limitations on contact: _____

I. Supervision of parenting time (if applicable).

() Check here if applicable.

Supervised parenting time shall apply during the day-to-day schedule as follows:

Place: _____

Person/Organization supervising: _____

Responsibility for cost: ()Mother () Father () both equally

J. Communication Provisions

Please check:

() Each parent shall promptly notify the other parent of a change of address, phone number, or cell phone number. A parent changing residence must give at least 30 days notice of the change and provide the full address of the new residence.

() Due to prior acts of family violence, the address of the child(ren) and victims of family violence shall be kept confidential. The protected parent shall promptly notify the other parent, through a third party, of any change in contact information necessary to conduct visitation.

III. Access to Records and Information

Rights of the Parents

Absent agreement to limitations or court ordered limitations, pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 19-9-1 (b)(1), both parents are entitled to access to all of the child(ren)'s records and information, including, but not limited to, education, health, extracurricular activities, and religious communications. Designation as a non-custodial parent does not affect a parent's right to equal access to these records.

Limitations on access rights: _____

Other Information Sharing Provisions: _____

IV. Modification of Plan or Disagreements

Parties may, by mutual agreement, vary the parenting time/visitation; however, such agreement shall not be a binding court order. Custody shall only be modified by court order.

Should the parents disagree about this parenting plan or wish to modify it, they must make a good faith effort to resolve the issue between them.

V. Special Considerations

Please attach an addendum detailing any special circumstances of which the Court should be aware (e.g., health issues, educational issues, etc.)

VI. Parents' Consent

Please review the following and initial:

- 1. We recognize that a close and continuing parent-child relationship and continuity in the child's life is in the child's best interest.

Mother's Initials: _____

Father's Initials: _____

- 2. We recognize that our child's needs will change and grow as the child matures; we have made a good faith effort to take these changing needs into account so that the need for future modifications to the parenting plan are minimized.

Mother's Initials: _____

Father's Initials: _____

- 3. We recognize that the parent with physical custody will make the day-to-day decisions and emergency decisions while the child is residing with such parent.

Mother's Initials: _____

Father's Initials: _____

() We knowingly and voluntarily agree on the terms of this Parenting Plan. Each of us affirms that the information we have provided in this Plan is true and correct.

Mother's Signature

Father's Signature

ORDER

The Court has reviewed the Parenting Plan which has been agreed to and submitted by the parties, and it is hereby made the order of this court.

SO ORDERED, this _____ day of _____, 20____.

T. Craig Earnest / Henry L. Balkcom IV
Judge of Superior Courts
Pataula Judicial Circuit