

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF _____ COUNTY

STATE OF GEORGIA

_____	§	
	§	
Plaintiff,	§	
v.	§	Civil Action No. _____
	§	
_____	§	
Defendant.	§	

PARENTING PLAN

This Parenting Plan is between _____ (referred to here as “Mother”) and _____ (referred to here as “Father”). This Plan supersedes any other plans concerning the children that may have been submitted before this one by either or both parents. If this Plan involves only one child, "children" and associated grammar shall be read as if written in the singular, where appropriate.

1.

THE PLAN

(Check only one)

- This is a new plan.
- This plan modifies an existing Parenting Plan dated _____ and entered in

the following case: _____

(include parties involved, case number and court where plan was entered).

2.

THE CHILDREN

The parties have _____ minor children together as listed below:

Mother

Father

Child's Name	Year of Birth

3.

PHYSICAL CUSTODY

(Check and complete only one. If you choose (b) or you want a custody arrangement that is not shown here, you should consult an attorney for appropriate language to use in this section).

(a) The _____ shall have sole physical custody of the children.

(b) The parents shall have joint physical custody of the children and a detailed plan of the living arrangements of the children is attached and is part of this parenting plan. The _____ shall be the primary physical custodian of the children.

(c) The parents have agreed to split physical custody of the children, with one child (or more) living with the Father and one child (or more) living with the Mother. The list below shows which children will be living with which parent:

CHILD'S NAME	YEAR OF BIRTH	PARENT WITH PHYSICAL CUSTODY

Mother

Father

LEGAL CUSTODY & DECISION-MAKING AUTHORITY

Each parent shall make decisions regarding the day-to-day care of a child while the child is staying with that parent, including any emergency decisions affecting the health or safety of the child. Major decisions regarding each child shall be made as follows:

(Check and complete only one. If you want a custody arrangement that is not shown here, you should consult an attorney for appropriate language to use in this section).

(a) The _____ shall have sole legal custody of the children, and shall have the authority to make the major decisions concerning the children’s education, extracurricular activities, health care and religious upbringing.

(b) The parents shall have joint legal custody of the children. The parents shall consult each other and try to reach a joint decision on all major issues concerning the children’s education, extracurricular activities, health care and religious upbringing.

(To finish (b), check only one. If you choose (2), you must also complete the four lines below it.)

However, if the parents are not able to reach a joint decision concerning one of these major issues, then the final decision shall be made as follows:

(1) the parent with physical custody shall make the final decision on the issue;

or

(2) the parents shall divide the authority to make the final decisions as follows:

Education decisions Mother Father

Extracurricular decisions Mother Father

Non-emergency health decisions Mother Father

Religious upbringing Mother Father

VISITATION/PARENTING TIME

The _____ shall have the right of reasonable visitation with the minor children, at any time by mutual consent of the parents, provided that the beginning and ending times of the visitation have been put into writing and signed by both parents before the start of the visitation. In arranging visitation, the parents shall take into consideration the requirements of the children’s school work, their activities and child care arrangements.

(a) If the parents cannot agree on specific visitation, the _____ shall have the right to visitation according to the schedule attached to this Parenting Plan as Exhibit “A.”

(b) The visiting parent shall notify the other parent at least 24 hours in advance of any scheduled visitation if he/she does not intent to exercise that visitation opportunity.

(c) The visiting parent shall arrive to pick-up the children for visitation within thirty (30) minutes of the scheduled time, or shall lose that visitation opportunity.

(d) **Transportation Arrangements:** *(You must complete (1) and (2), below).*

(1) Pick-up & Drop-off: Unless otherwise agreed by the parents in writing, the drop-off and pick-up for visitation shall be at: *(Check only one)*

- (A) The custodial parent’s home;
- (B) The children’s daycare, school or camp;
- (C) Other: _____

(2) Transportation costs: The cost of transportation for the children's visitation shall be paid as follows: *(Check only one)*

The parent exercising visitation shall bear the cost;

Each parent shall bear the cost of the children's transportation when the children are traveling to that parent, whether at the beginning or at the end of the children's visitation; or

Other: _____

(e) **Supervision:** *(Check only one)*

(1) No supervision is required for the visitation.

(2) The visitation shall be supervised as follows: *(If you choose (2), You must complete (a), (b) and (c), below.)*

a. Visitation shall be supervised by _____.

b. The cost of supervision, if any, shall be paid by

_____.

c. Supervision shall be required until:

OTHER PARENTAL RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

(a) The parents recognize that the children have two parents who love them and want to be involved in their upbringing. They recognize that a close and continuing parent-child relationship and continuity in the children's life will be in the children's best interest. The parents recognize that the children's needs will change and grow as the children mature and the parents will make an effort to parent that takes this into account so that future modifications to the parenting plan are minimized. The parents recognize that the parent with physical custody will make day-to-day decisions and emergency decisions while the child is residing with that parent. The parents agree that the welfare of the children is most important and each agrees to encourage a feeling of affection and respect between the children and the other parent. Neither parent shall involve the children in actions or communications which would endanger the children's opinion of the other parent.

(b) The parents agree to provide each other with their current home address and telephone number, as well as a telephone number to call in case of emergency; they also agree to notify each other of any change in the address or telephone numbers, at least thirty (30) days prior to change.

(c) Neither parent shall do anything to interfere with the children communicating with the other parent. Each parent shall have the right to call and talk to the children when they are in the care of the other parent, up to one time each day, at the expense of the calling parent. Calls shall be made between the hours of _____ a.m. and _____ p.m.

(d) The parents agree that both parents will have access to all of the children's information and records, including, but not limited to, education, health, extracurricular activities, and religious communications.

Mother

Personally appeared before me this day, the individual set forth above, who said under oath that she read this agreement, understood it, and was signing it voluntarily in my presence.

Father

Personally appeared before me this day the individual set forth above, who said under oath that he read this agreement, understood it, and was signing it voluntarily in my presence.

NOTARY PUBLIC

Date: _____

NOTARY PUBLIC

Date: _____

Mother

Father

Exhibit “A” – Visitation Schedule

If the parents cannot agree on specific visitation, the _____ shall have the right to visitation according to the schedule below. To resolve any conflicts in the visitation provided under this schedule, the holiday visitation shall have priority over the weekend and summer visitation.

(a) **Weekends** – The first and third weekends of every month, from Friday at 6:00 p.m. until Sunday at 6:00 p.m. The first and third weekends shall be defined as the weekends containing the first and third Fridays of the month.

(b) **Holidays** – The children shall spend holidays with each parent on the following schedule:

HOLIDAY	WITH FATHER	WITH MOTHER
<p>Spring Vacation - from 6:00 p.m. on the day school lets out for vacation until 6:00 p.m. on the day before the children return to school.</p> <p>If none of the children are enrolled in school, this vacation shall be for up to one week (seven consecutive days) during the months of March or April; provided that the visiting parent shall give written notice of the chosen week to the other parent at least 30 days prior to the beginning of this visitation.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Even-numbered years <input type="checkbox"/> Odd-numbered years	<input type="checkbox"/> Even-numbered years <input type="checkbox"/> Odd-numbered years
<p>Easter weekend - 6:00 p.m. Friday to 6:00 p.m. Sunday provided that it does not conflict with Spring vacation above.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Even-numbered years <input type="checkbox"/> Odd-numbered years	<input type="checkbox"/> Even-numbered years <input type="checkbox"/> Odd-numbered years
<p>Mother’s Day – from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.</p>	Not applicable	Every year
<p>Memorial Day weekend – 6:00 p.m. Friday to 6:00 p.m. Monday</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Even-numbered years <input type="checkbox"/> Odd-numbered years	<input type="checkbox"/> Even-numbered years <input type="checkbox"/> Odd-numbered years
<p>Father’s Day – from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.</p>	Every year	Not applicable

Mother

Father

HOLIDAY	WITH FATHER	WITH MOTHER
Fourth of July - from 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.	<input type="checkbox"/> Even-numbered years <input type="checkbox"/> Odd-numbered years	<input type="checkbox"/> Even-numbered years <input type="checkbox"/> Odd-numbered years
Labor Day weekend – 6:00 p.m. Friday to 6:00 p.m. Monday	<input type="checkbox"/> Even-numbered years <input type="checkbox"/> Odd-numbered years	<input type="checkbox"/> Even-numbered years <input type="checkbox"/> Odd-numbered years
Thanksgiving weekend – 6:00 p.m. Wednesday to 6:00 p.m. Sunday	<input type="checkbox"/> Even-numbered years <input type="checkbox"/> Odd-numbered years	<input type="checkbox"/> Even-numbered years <input type="checkbox"/> Odd-numbered years
First part of Christmas vacation – from 6:00 p.m. on the day school lets out for vacation, until 12:00 noon on December 25. If none of the children are enrolled in school, this visitation shall be from 6:00 p.m. on December 20 th until 12:00 p.m. on December 25.	<input type="checkbox"/> Even-numbered years <input type="checkbox"/> Odd-numbered years	<input type="checkbox"/> Even-numbered years <input type="checkbox"/> Odd-numbered years
Second part of Christmas vacation – from 12:00 p.m. on December 25 to 6:00 p.m. on the day before the children return to school. If none of the children are enrolled in school, this visitation shall be from 12:00 noon on December 25, until 6:00 p.m. on January 1.	<input type="checkbox"/> Even-numbered years <input type="checkbox"/> Odd-numbered years	<input type="checkbox"/> Even-numbered years <input type="checkbox"/> Odd-numbered years

(c) **Summer Vacation** - _____ weeks during the children’s summer vacation from school. However, if none of the children are enrolled in school, this summer visitation shall be taken during the months of June, July and August, until such time as one of the children begins to attend school. The weeks may be taken consecutively or non-consecutively, but shall be taken in increments of at least seven (7) consecutive days. The parent with visitation shall give written notice of the chosen weeks to the other parent on or before March 1 of every year, so that both parents will have ample time to make camp and child care arrangements for the summer.

Mother

Father