

HOLIDAY SHARING CHART

This is just an example. **You can come to other decisions about what fits your family’s situation or traditions.** The italics are my commentary on that particular holiday.

HOLIDAY	MOTHER	FATHER
<u>Easter</u> , defined as Saturday, the day before Easter Sunday at 8 p.m. until Easter Sunday at 6 p.m. <i>Some plans offer the entire weekend (Friday to Sunday evening) which is best where the parents are distant. If the parents are in close proximity, starting the “holiday” period on Saturday evening allows weekend rotation to remain undisturbed and allows both parents in some years to experience the excitement of Easter bunny—one basket Sat. morning and one on Sunday morning! (at least one perk to a broken home).</i>	Even Years	Odd Years
<u>Spring Break</u> , defined as beginning on Monday, the first day of spring break at 9:00 a.m. and ending on the following Friday (last day of spring break) at 5:00 p.m. This is combined with the parent’s usual weekend visitation which will fall either beginning or end of Spring break giving that parent seven days during this period.	Even Years	Odd Years
<u>Memorial Day Weekend</u> (Friday 6 p.m. until Monday, Memorial Day, at 6 p.m.)	Odd Years	Even Years
<u>Independence Day</u> , beginning 6:00 p.m. on July 3 and ending 6:00 p.m. July 5. <i>Please pay attention as to how this will interrupt any summer visitation schedule, although this arrangement works for most folks.</i>	Odd Years	Even Years
<u>Labor Day Weekend</u> (Friday 6 p.m. until Monday, Labor Day at 6:00 p.m.)	Even Years	Odd Years
<u>Thanksgiving Part 1</u> beginning at end of school on Wednesday, before Thanksgiving, and ending at 5:00 p.m. Friday the day after Thanksgiving. <i>[Note: Considering the Thanksgiving holiday to include all days off from school plus the weekend and dividing that time prevents the children from being shuffled to more than one Thanksgiving dinner. It also allows the parent who does not have the day “proper” to arrange a turkey feast with family on the weekend, if they so desire. So the child gets a full Thanksgiving holiday with both parents each year, rotating who gets the “real” Turkey Day. This only works if the parties are in close proximity or do not travel on Thanksgiving. If this is not the case, the parties should rotate the holiday, proper (one day only), or alternate the entire period from end of school until the next Sunday, to allow for travel]</i>	Odd Years	Even Years
<u>Thanksgiving Part 2:</u> Defined as beginning at 5:00 p.m. Friday the day after Thanksgiving and ending the next Sunday at 5:00 p.m. <i>[Note: See all Notes in previous section on Thanksgiving Part 1. This only works if the parties are near or do not travel on Thanksgiving. If this is not the case, the parties should rotate the holiday, proper or alternate the period from end of school until the next Sunday, to allow for travel]</i>	Even Years	Odd Years
<u>Christmas Part 1:</u> Defined as beginning at 5:00 p.m. on the last day of class before the winter break and continuing to the point which marks one-half the winter break <i>EXCEPT that the other parent shall have Christmas Eve visitation defined as beginning on Christmas Eve at 9:00 a.m. and ending at 9:00 p.m. on Christmas Eve.</i>	Even Years	Odd Years
<u>Christmas part 2:</u> Defined as beginning at the point which marks one-half the winter break from school until 5:00 p.m. the day before class resumes after winter break.	Odd Years	Even Years
<u>Father’s Day</u> , beginning 6 p.m. Saturday, the day before Father’s Day and ending at 6 p.m. on Sunday, Father’s Day. <i>[Note: This method does not interfere with weekend visitation rotation. If the holiday lands on Father’s weekend, then no change in rotation is required in the rotation. If would have been Mother’s weekend, then she forfeits 24 hours of her time.]</i>	EACH YEAR WITH HUSBAND	
<u>Mother’s Day</u> , beginning 6p.m. Saturday, the day before Mother’s Day and ending at 6 p.m. on Sunday, Mother’s Day. <i>[Note: This method does not interfere with weekend visitation rotation. If the holiday lands on Mother’s weekend, then no change in rotation is required in the rotation. If would have been Father’s weekend, then he forfeits 24 hours of time.]</i>	EACH YEAR WITH WIFE	