

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF FRESNO
Family Court Services

Common Holiday Schedules

Split Holidays

The periods can be alternated between the parents each year OR one parent can always have the first period and the other parent can always have the second period, depending on how each family celebrates the holiday.

Common Split Day Schedules:

The actual day of the holiday is split into two equal parts that can be share between the parents. This will allow the child some holiday time with each parent on the actual day of the holiday.

Easter: Sunday at 9am until 2pm (period 1) and Sunday at 2pm until 7pm (period 2)

Sunday
Easter

Thanksgiving: Thursday at 9am until 2pm (period 1) and Thursday at 2pm until 7pm (period 2)

Thursday
Thanksgiving

Christmas Day: December 25th at 9am until 2pm (period 1) and December 25th at 2pm until 7pm (period 2)

Christmas Day

Common Split Extended Holiday Schedules:

Sometime parents decide to share the days surrounding the holiday instead of splitting the holiday in half. Although only one parent will have the actual day of the holiday, the other parent will at least have time with the child the day before or the day after the holiday to make sure that the child is able to celebrate the holiday with each parent.

Easter: Saturday at 9am until Sunday at 9am (period 1) and Sunday at 9am until Monday at 9am (period 2)

Saturday	Sunday
	Easter

Thanksgiving: Thursday at 9am until Friday at 9am (period 1) and Friday at 9am until Saturday at 9am (period 2)

Thursday	Friday
Thanksgiving	

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Christmas Day: December 24th at 9am until December 25th at 9am (period 1) and December 25th at 9am until December 26th at 9am (period 2)

Christmas Eve		Christmas Day	

Odd years vs. Even Years

Parents will often divide the holidays so that each parent has 2 or 3 major holidays with the child each year. With this schedule, holidays are often defined as starting at 9am and concluding at 7pm the same day or 9am the day after. Only the parent schedule to have the holiday that year would see the child on and around that specific holiday.

Odd-Years – The father would have Easter and Thanksgiving, while the mother would have Christmas, Halloween and 4th of July.

Even-Years – The mother would have Easter and Thanksgiving, while the father would have Christmas, Halloween and 4th of July.

Halloween and 4th of July – because the majority of the activities for these two holidays occurs in the evening an overnight schedule is often recommended.

Example: **October 31st at 2pm until November 1st at 2pm** and **July 4th at 2pm until July 5th at 2pm**