

Custody X Change Intro

Creating a custody schedule is tough. You want a schedule that's fair for you and your ex, and you also want a schedule that gives you the most possible time with your kids.

However, it's hard work to create such a schedule, especially if you don't have the right tools. That's why I'm going to reveal **seven tips** to creating a custody schedule that can balance the time between parents. Using advanced technology and the **Custody X Change** software you can easily calculate a schedule that maximizes the time you have with your children. These tips are the perfect way to make everyone happy with the custody situation.

Custody Tip # 1 – How Holidays Can Balance Visitation Time

Holidays are a great place to start when it comes to equalizing visitation time. But planning ahead is crucial and that's where the **Custody X Change** program shines. We'll show you step by step how this software is the key to obtaining fair child visitation time easily.

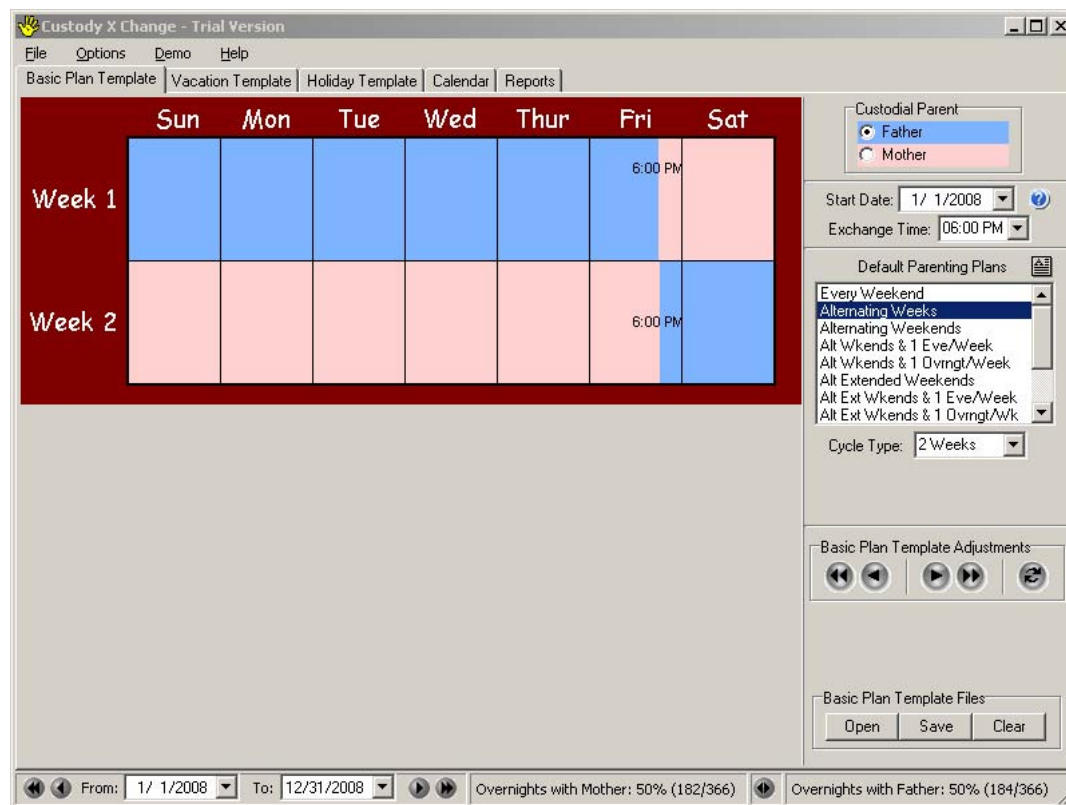


Figure 1: Custody X Change Software Basic Plan Template

For the purposes of illustrating this tactic, you'll see from Figure 1 that we've worked out a scenario where the parents have agreed to alternate weeks of child custody, beginning with the first of the year. Check out the bottom bar of the software window and you'll see Mom and Dad both have fifty percent when it comes to visitation time.

But let's say the father in this situation wants more time with the children (no sexism intended - obviously, this can be done just as easily by the mother) and he or his attorney

is just beginning to negotiate holiday visitation time for 2009. The first step is to check which holidays don't fall into his already-allotted visitation time.

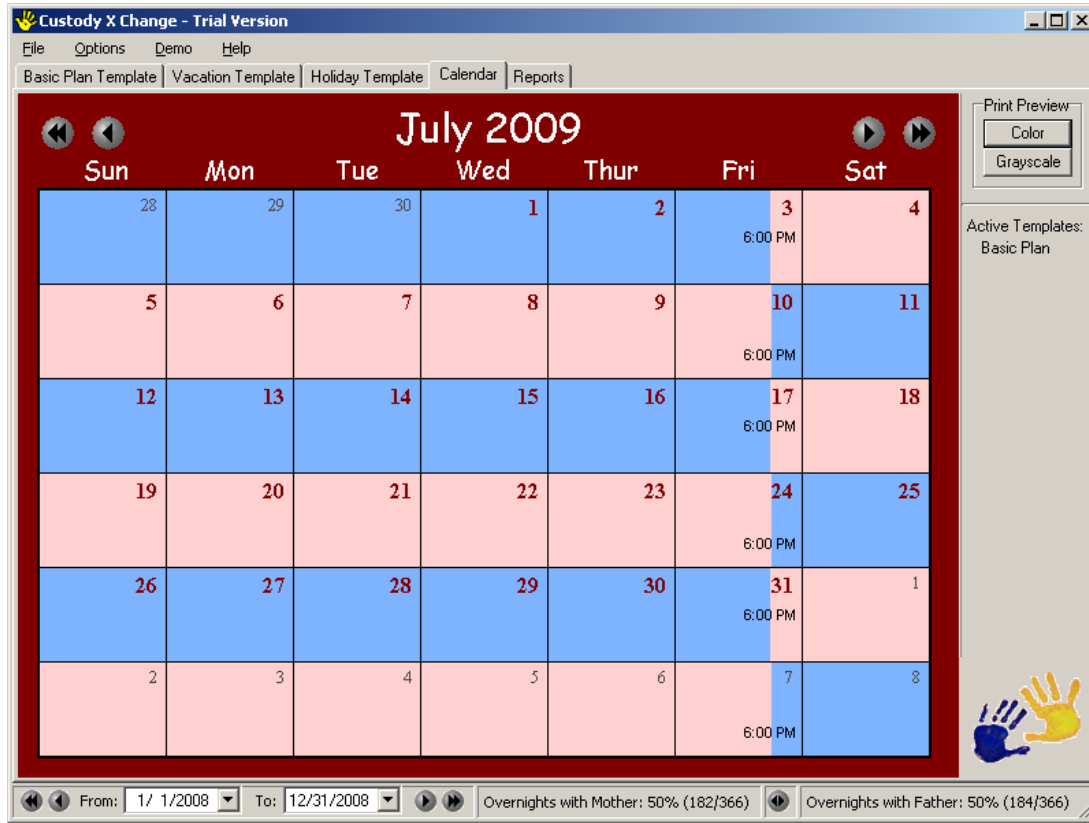


Figure 2: Custody X Change Calendar - July, 2009

Example. By clicking on the Calendar tab and advancing it to July, 2009, Custody X Change lets him instantly see that the 4th of July holiday is *not* part of his visitation time. Obviously, that's a holiday Dad should go for.

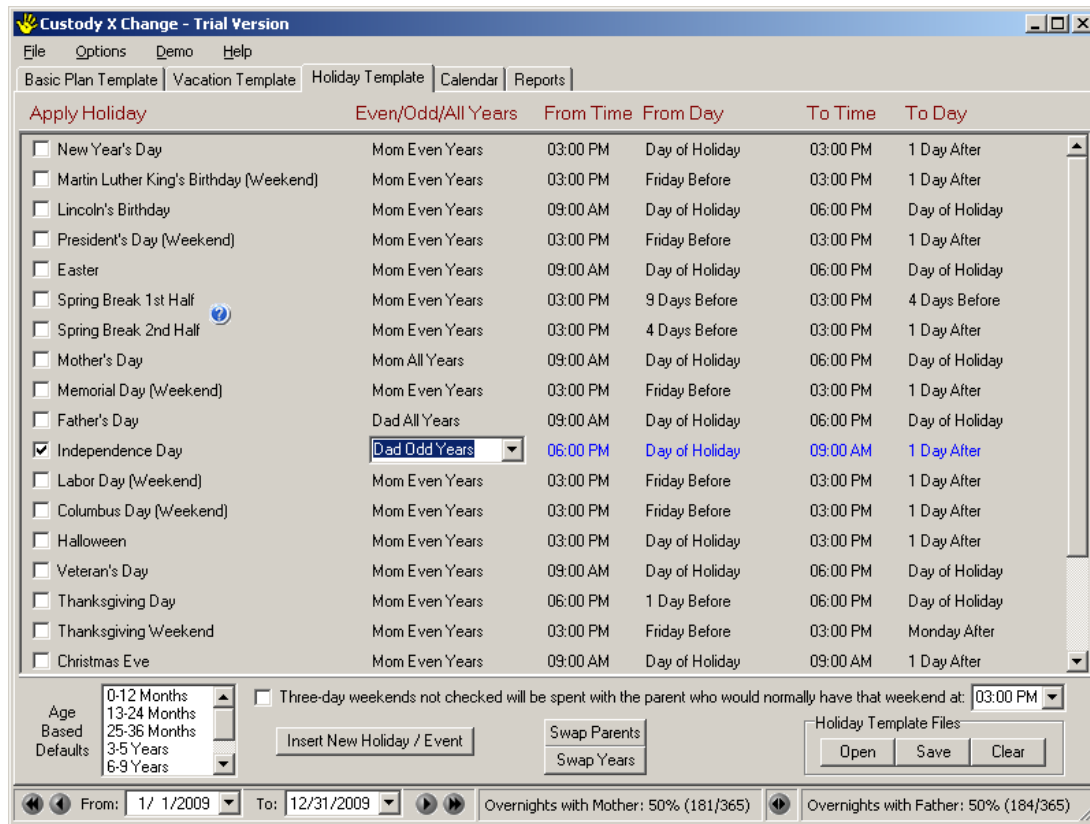


Figure 3: Custody X Change Holiday Template – Dad checks off the 4th

(If Mom agrees, then Dad goes to the Custody X Change Holiday Template and clicks in the 4th for himself. He’s just gained one day of visitation. Now, of course, Mom’s not going to let this one go – she wants a holiday back for herself. Dad can afford to be generous and give her a big one – Easter. Because that holiday already falls into one of her custody weeks and Dad’s not losing a thing.)

Dad continues to work the calendar – he gets Thanksgiving, she gets President’s Day weekend. Again, he’s gained, and her holidays fall into time she already has. You can do even better if you negotiate for a large chunk like Thanksgiving week – and again, it’s not already a period that would normally be part of your visitation time. That’s a lot of time to gain for your side.)

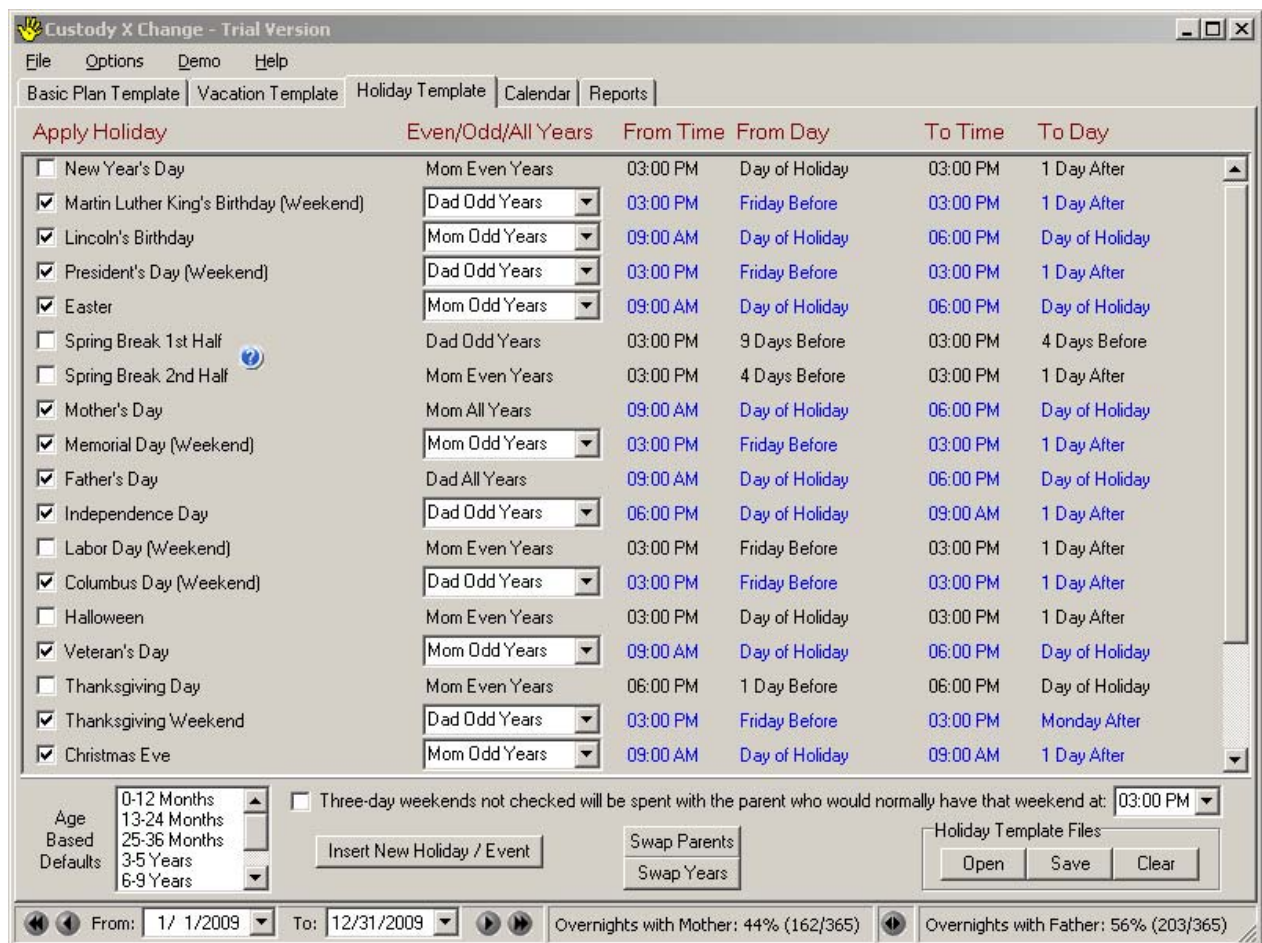


Figure 4: Dad gets five holidays, Mom gets five holidays – but check out how the overnight percentages have changed!

You can see from Figure 4 the **amazing difference** Custody X Change can make in visitation time. By having the advantage of being able to see where all the holidays land over the entire year and being able to manipulate them to his best advantage, Dad suddenly has 56% of the overnights and Mom has 44% - an astonishing 12% difference - even though they both received five holiday periods apiece – ***the exact same number!***

Our next custody tip also has to do with holidays. So get ready to learn how you or your client's time off can lead to more time with the children!

Note:

Remember – this method can also be used by the other party to take away your time with your child. When the other parent is negotiating too hard for a not-so-important holiday like Columbus Day (apologies, all you Columbus fans), you should take notice – and immediately open your Custody X Change program to see in whose visitation time that holiday falls! It's probably not theirs...