

There are two sides to every family law story...



Activities for Children

Amber and Zac were divorced last year and they have two kids ages 3 and 5. Zac wants to take the children to Wisconsin with his golf buddies to go to a Packers game. Although Zac has family in Wisconsin, Amber is concerned about Zac taking the children to the game because the last game he went to without the kids, he got into a fight with a fan.

Now what?

Andi's advice to Dad:

We start with the presumption that Zac knows that the safety of the children is paramount, always. Amber may have a legitimate concern due to the anticipated weather and the children's ages even if there is no cause for concern about Zac's potential behavior. Zac may want to consider taking the children with him on the trip but having one of his family members stay with them while he goes to the game. If it is important to him to take the children to the game, he needs to begin by reassuring Amber that they will be his priority. As long as there is no other restriction on his parenting time or on traveling out of state with the children, he should be able to take them.



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Andi's advice to Mom:

If the parties have a Parenting Coordinator (PC), Amber should bring this issue to the PC with her concerns. She could ask that there be some rules put in place with regard to taking the children to the game, including that Zac not drink when he is with the children. If alcohol is not an issue, other rules can be put in to place to safeguard the children. Without a PC, Amber's only option would be to ask the court to intervene.

Here's what...

The best case is for the parties to be able to discuss and to agree upon what is best for their children. A PC is likely to listen to Amber and put some safeguards in place for the children. If the parties are without a PC, time is really an issue as it may not be possible to get this in front of the court before the trip takes place, but that is certainly an option for the parties.

Andi and Andi always support resolution of family issues through open dialogue and amicable settlement.

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