

**Chore Contract**  
between  
**Joe Smith**

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and  
**John and Mary Smith**

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The purpose of this contract is to outline the household responsibilities and related privileges of *Joe Smith*. The effective date of this contract is *February 1, 2008*.

**Section 1. Responsibilities of Joe Smith**

This section outlines the responsibilities and timelines for completion of the household responsibilities of *Joe Smith*.

1. Daily: Make bed; ensure coats, backpacks and sports equipment are properly stored
2. Each Wednesday: Empty all trash cans within house and take trash to curb (pickup is on Thursday)
3. Once each week: Plan menu and prepare simple family meal
4. Weekly: Vacuum and dust living room and own bedroom

**Section 2. Acceptable completion**

The acceptable completion of the tasks in Section 1 will be determined by *John and Mary Smith* based on:

1. Bed is made so that covers are pulled fully over the bed and pillows are at the head of the bed.
2. Coats, backpacks and sports equipment are not left lying on the floor in any main family room/area.
3. Trash cans are emptied and trash is to the curb for pickup each week.
4. Meal is planned and served on agreed-upon day. Meal should include a main dish and a vegetable.
5. Vacuuming includes main areas as well as under tables and picking up items on the floor (and not just vacuuming around them).
6. Dusting includes all main tabletops and shelves as well as TV and computer screens.

### **Section 3. Compensation**

In return for full and acceptable completion of the responsibilities in Section 1, *Joe Smith* will receive the following each week:

1. An allowance/commission of \$20
2. An hour of uninterrupted computer time on the family computer 3 nights per week.
3. The choice of one family activity per weekend.

In the event that the tasks in Section 1 are not completed either fully or according to the conditions in Section 2 (without prior consent from parents), some or all of the compensation may be reduced or withheld.

### **Section 4. Modifications to contract**

From time to time, either party to this contract may need to modify the terms of this contract. Such modifications should be proposed in writing by the party requesting them and then agreed to by both parties.

These changes can include, but may not be limited to:

- Responsibilities of *Joe Smith*
- Definition of acceptable completion
- Compensation/privileges earned

### **Section 5. Full contract and agreement**

This contract is full and complete on its own (with any subsequent changes that may be determined). Agreed to this 29th day of January by:

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*Joe Smith (signature)*

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*John Smith*

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*Mary Smith*