

The Winners of the 2014 Calgary's Child Magazine's Parents' Choice Awards



Who has the best ice cream? Which theatre company is the most fun? Where can you find the best kids' clothes? We asked... and you answered. Developed to recognize quality family retailers and service providers in our community, this year's Parents' Choice Awards is our 18th annual. More than 150,000 readers were invited to vote online at calgaryschild.com for their family favorites in over 45 categories. The response was phenomenal. Thank you to everyone who voted and sent us such wonderful feedback.

Best Tourist/Family Attraction

1st Calgary Zoo
Honourable Mention Calaway Park
Honourable Mention Heritage Park Historical Village

Best Family Fun Location

1st Calgary Corn Maze & Fun Farm
Honourable Mention Butterfield Acres Farm
Honourable Mention TommyKplay!

Best Festival

1st Calgary Stampede
Honourable Mention Calgary International
Children's Festival
Honourable Mention GlobalFest

Best Halloween Event

1st Calgary Corn Maze & Fun Farm –
Autumn Pumpkin Festival
Honourable Mention Butterfield Acres Farm –
Harvest Pumpkin Hunts
Honourable Mention Heritage Park Historical Village –
Ghouls Night Out

Best Christmas Event

1st Calgary Zoo – Zoolights
Honourable Mention Heritage Park Historical Village –
Once Upon a Christmas
Honourable Mention Airdrie Festival of Lights

Best Preschooler Programs

1st Joso's Play and Learn Centre
Honourable Mention Brilliant Beginnings
Honourable Mention Gymboree Play & Music
of Calgary

Best Programs for School Age Children

1st McDonald Wilson
Dance Academy
Honourable Mention The City of Calgary Recreation
Honourable Mention Calgary Gymnastics Centre

Best Teen Programs

1st The City of Calgary Recreation
Honourable Mention McDonald Wilson
Dance Academy
Honourable Mention YMCA

Best Children's Day Camp

1st Joso's Play and Learn Centre
Honourable Mention The City of Calgary Recreation
Honourable Mention YMCA

Best Children's Residential Camp

1st YMCA – Camp Chief Hector
Honourable Mention Kamp Kiwanis
Honourable Mention Camp Horizon –
Alberta Easter Seals

Best Family Ski Area in Alberta

1st WinSport Canada (COP)
Honourable Mention Nakiska
Honourable Mention Lake Louise

Best Swimming Pool

1st Southland Leisure Centre
Honourable Mention Cardel Place
Honourable Mention Village Square Leisure Centre

Best Family Fitness Facility

1st Cardel Place
Honourable Mention Westside Recreation Centre
Honourable Mention Southland Leisure Centre

Best Live Theatre Company

1st StoryBook Theatre
Honourable Mention Stage West For Kids
Honourable Mention Loose Moose Theatre Company

Best Movie Theatre

1st SilverCity CrossIron Mills
Cinemas & XSCAPE
Entertainment Centre
Honourable Mention Scotiabank Theatre Chinook
Cineplex
Honourable Mention Cineplex Odeon Crowfoot
Crossing Cinemas

Best Museum

1st TELUS Spark The New Science
Centre
Honourable Mention Royal Tyrrell Museum
Honourable Mention Heritage Park Historical Village

Best Place to Have a Children's Party

1st Calgary Zoo
Honourable Mention Calgary Gymnastics Centre
Honourable Mention Stir Crazy Family Fun Centre

Best Entertainment for a Children's Party

1st Butterfield Acres Farm
Honourable Mention Mad Science
Honourable Mention Christopher Cool Productions

Best Birthday Cakes

1st Dairy Queen
Honourable Mention Crave Cookies and Cupcakes
Honourable Mention Calgary Co-op

Best Grocery Store

1st The Real Canadian Superstore
Honourable Mention Calgary Co-op
Honourable Mention Costco Wholesale

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Best Ice Cream Store
 1st Marble Slab Creamery
 Honourable Mention MacKay's Cochrane Ice Cream
 Honourable Mention Dairy Queen

Best Natural Foods Store
 1st Community Natural Foods
 Honourable Mention Planet Organic Market
 Honourable Mention Sunterra Market

Best Fast Food/Drive-Thru
 1st Peters' Drive-In
 Honourable Mention McDonald's
 Honourable Mention Tim Hortons

Best Pizza
 1st Boston Pizza
 Honourable Mention Panago Pizza
 Honourable Mention Famoso Neapolitan Pizzeria

Best Children's Menu
 1st Boston Pizza
 Honourable Mention Montana's Cookhouse
 Honourable Mention Cora

Best Restaurant for Parent's Night Out
 1st The Keg Steakhouse & Bar
 Honourable Mention NOtaBLE The Restaurant
 Honourable Mention Earls Kitchen + Bar

Best Pharmaceutical/Advice
 1st Shoppers Drug Mart
 Honourable Mention Health Link Alberta
 Honourable Mention Safeway

Best Preschool
 1st Joso's Play and Learn Centre
 Honourable Mention Kaleidoscope Kids Preschool
 Honourable Mention Kinderhouse Preschool

Best Tutor
 1st Kumon
 Honourable Mention Sylvan Learning Centres
 Honourable Mention Tutor Doctor

Best Playgroup
 1st Gymboree Play & Music of Calgary
 Honourable Mention Brilliant Beginnings
 Honourable Mention Joso's Play & Learn Centre

Best Parent Support Group
 1st TIE Alberta Health Services
 1st TIE Calgary Family Services
 Honourable Mention Brilliant Beginnings
 Honourable Mention momstown Calgary

Best Child Care Facility
 1st Joso's Play and Learn Centre
 Honourable Mention Kids & Company
 Honourable Mention BrightPath Early Learning & Child Care

Best Children's Clothing Store/Independent
 1st Coco & Charlie Children's Clothing
 Honourable Mention GravityKidz
 Honourable Mention Little Footprints

Best Children's Clothing Store/Chain
 1st The Children's Place
 Honourable Mention Carter's/OshKosh B'gosh
 Honourable Mention GAP

Best Place for Maternity Wear
 1st Thyme Maternity
 Honourable Mention Motherhood Maternity
 Honourable Mention Posh Mommy Maternity & Nursing Boutique

Best Place for Baby Supplies
 1st Babies "R" Us
 Honourable Mention The Real Canadian Superstore
 Honourable Mention Walmart

Best Second Hand Clothing Store
 1st Once Upon A Child
 Honourable Mention Value Village
 Honourable Mention Sproutz Kidz

Best Children's Furniture Store
 1st IKEA
 Honourable Mention West Coast Kids (E-Children)
 Honourable Mention Babies "R" Us/Toys "R" Us

Best Children's Bookstore
 1st Indigo, Chapters and Coles
 Honourable Mention Scholastic Canada
 Honourable Mention Monkeyshines Children's Books

Best Place for Children's Haircuts
 1st Beaners Fun Cuts for Kids
 Honourable Mention Melonhead Children's Hair Care
 Honourable Mention Great Clips

Best Shopping Mall for Families
 1st Market Mall
 Honourable Mention CrossIron Mills
 Honourable Mention Southcentre Mall

Best Place to Buy School Supplies
 1st Walmart
 Honourable Mention Staples
 Honourable Mention The Real Canadian Superstore

Best Family Photographer
 1st Nicole Halverson Photography
 Honourable Mention Little Laughs Photography & Digital Art
 Honourable Mention TIE Carolyn Budreski Photography Inc.
 Honourable Mention TIE Sweet Ginger Photography

Best Pet Shop
 1st Petland Superstores
 Honourable Mention Pet Planet
 Honourable Mention PetSmart

Best Sporting Goods Store
 1st SportChek
 Honourable Mention Mountain Equipment Co-op
 Honourable Mention Canadian Tire

Best Toy Store
 1st Toys "R" Us
 Honourable Mention The Discovery Hut
 Honourable Mention Disney Store

Best Place to Take Your Kids on a Crummy Day
 1st TELUS Spark The New Science Centre
 Honourable Mention TommyKplay!
 Honourable Mention Stir Crazy Family Fun Centre