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**The Winners of . . .
The 2006 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? Calgary's Child Magazine asked... and our readers answered... these and more than 50 other family friendly questions.



Developed to recognize quality family retailers and service providers in our community, this year's Parents' Choice Awards is our 10th annual. Ballots were distributed in the November/December-2005 issue of Calgary's Child Magazine and more than 150,000 readers were invited to vote for their family favorites in over 50 categories. The response was phenomenal. For a complete list of all the nominees, please visit calgaryschild.com.

Congratulations to all the winners!

ACTIVITIES

BEST TOURIST/FAMILY ATTRACTION

- 1st Place Calgary Zoo
- Honorable Mention Calaway Park
- Honorable Mention Heritage Park

BEST CALGARY SPORTS TEAM

- 1st Place Calgary Flames
- Honorable Mention Calgary Hitmen
- Honorable Mention Calgary Stampeders

BEST FESTIVAL

- 1st Place Calgary International Children's Festival
- Honorable Mention Folk Festival
- Honorable Mention 4th Street Lilac Festival

BEST HALLOWEEN EVENT

- 1st Place Boo at the Zoo
- Honorable Mention Heritage Park After Dark
- Honorable Mention Butterfield Acres
- Honorable Mention Pumpkin Hunts

BEST CHRISTMAS EVENT

- 1st Place Calgary Zoolights
- Honorable Mention Heritage Park 12 Days of Christmas
- Honorable Mention Airdrie Festival of Lights

BEST PROGRAMS FOR PRESCHOOLERS (I.E. GYM, DANCE, ART, ETC.)

- 1st Place City of Calgary Recreation
- Honorable Mention Gymboree Play & Music
- Honorable Mention YMCA Calgary

BEST PROGRAMS FOR SCHOOL-AGE CHILDREN (I.E. GYM, DANCE, ART, ETC.)

- 1st Place City of Calgary Recreation
- Honorable Mention YMCA Calgary
- Honorable Mention Girl Guides

BEST CHILDREN'S DAY CAMP

- 1st Place YMCA Calgary
- Honorable Mention City of Calgary Recreation
- Honorable Mention Butterfield Acres

BEST CHILDREN'S RESIDENTIAL CAMP

- 1st Place YMCA Calgary
- Honorable Mention Camp Chief Hector
- Honorable Mention Camp Cadicasu

BEST SKI AREA IN ALBERTA

- 1st Place Sunshine Village
- Honorable Mention Lake Louise
- Honorable Mention Canada Olympic Park

BEST SWIMMING POOL

- 1st Place Westside Recreation Centre
- Honorable Mention Southland Leisure Centre
- Honorable Mention - Tie Village Square Leisure Centre / YMCA Calgary

BEST FAMILY FITNESS FACILITY

- 1st Place YMCA Calgary
- Honorable Mention Westside Recreation Centre
- Honorable Mention Village Square Leisure Centre

BEST LIVE THEATRE COMPANY

- 1st Place Storybook Theatre
- Honorable Mention StageWest Theatre for Kids
- Honorable Mention Loose Moose Theatre Company

BEST MOVIE THEATRE

- 1st Place Paramount Chinook
- Honorable Mention Silver City Country Hills
- Honorable Mention Sunridge Spectrum

BEST MUSEUM

- 1st Place Glenbow Museum
- Honorable Mention Royal Tyrrell Museum
- Honorable Mention Telus World of Science

BIRTHDAY PARTIES

BEST PLACE TO HAVE A CHILDREN'S PARTY

- 1st Place Telus World of Science
- Honorable Mention Let's Play
- Honorable Mention McDonald's Restaurants

BEST ENTERTAINMENT

- 1st Place Annabell's Attic
- Honorable Mention Enchanted Events
- Honorable Mention Dress-Up Dream Parties

BEST BIRTHDAY CAKES

- 1st Place Calgary Co-op
- Honorable Mention Cakeworks
- Honorable Mention Dairy Queen

FOOD & GROCERY

BEST GROCERY STORE

- 1st Place Calgary Co-op
- Honorable Mention Real Canadian Superstore
- Honorable Mention Canada Safeway

BEST ICE CREAM

- 1st Place Dairy Queen
- Honorable Mention Lic's (Leavitt's Ice Cream Shop)
- Honorable Mention MacKays Ice Cream - Cochrane

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 Honorable Mention Subway

BEST DRIVE-THRU

1st Place Peter's Drive-In
 Honorable Mention McDonald's Restaurants
 Honorable Mention Wendy's Restaurants

BEST PIZZA

1st Place Panago
 Honorable Mention Boston Pizza
 Honorable Mention Pizza Hut

BEST CHILDREN'S MENU

1st Place Boston Pizza
 Honorable Mention Montana's Cookhouse
 Honorable Mention Tie Denny's Restaurants / Humpty's

BEST RESTAURANT FOR PARENT'S NIGHT OUT

1st Place Joey Tomatoes
 Honorable Mention The Keg Steakhouse & Bar
 Honorable Mention The Broken Plate

TRAVEL

BEST TRAVEL AGENCY

1st Place Calgary Co-op Travel
 Honorable Mention Alberta Motor Association (AMA)
 Honorable Mention Uniglobe Travel

BEST HOTEL/MOTEL

1st Place Sheraton Suites
 Honorable Mention Eau Claire
 Honorable Mention Holiday Inn
 Honorable Mention Best Western

HEALTH SERVICES

BEST FAMILY PHYSICIANS

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BEST PHARMACY

1st Place Shoppers Drug Mart
 Honorable Mention Calgary Co-op
 Honorable Mention London Drugs

SUPPORT & EDUCATION

BEST PRESCHOOL

1st Place Campus Preschool
 Honorable Mention Oxford - Little Readers Academy
 Honorable Mention Apple Tree Preschool

BEST TUTOR

1st Place Oxford Learning
 Honorable Mention Sylvan Learning Centre
 Honorable Mention Kumon Math and Reading Centres

BEST PLAYGROUP FOR CHILDREN

1st Place Gymboree Play & Music
 Honorable Mention Teeter Tots Playgroup

BEST PARENT SUPPORT GROUP

1st Place Calgary Health Region
 Honorable Mention PACT / Families Matter
 Honorable Mention Raymond Early Parenting

BEST CHILDCARE FACILITY

1st Place Panda Day Cares
 Honorable Mention YMCA Calgary

SHOPPING

BEST CHILDREN'S CLOTHING STORE

1st Place Old Navy
 Honorable Mention The Children's Place
 Honorable Mention Gap Kids

BEST PLACE FOR BABY SUPPLIES

1st Place Wal-Mart
 Honorable Mention Real Canadian Superstore
 Honorable Mention Bo Bebe

BEST SECOND HAND CLOTHING STORE

1st Place Once Upon a Child
 Honorable Mention Valu Village
 Honorable Mention Sprutz Kidz Inc.

BEST CHILDREN'S FURNITURE STORE

1st Place Ikea
 Honorable Mention e-Children

BEST CHILDREN'S BOOK STORE

1st Place Chapters/Indigo
 Honorable Mention Monkeyshines

BEST PLACE FOR CHILDREN'S HAIRCUTS

1st Place Beaners
 Honorable Mention Great Clips
 Honorable Mention Stacey's Hair Design

BEST SHOPPING MALL FOR FAMILIES

1st Place Market Mall
 Honorable Mention Chinook Centre
 Honorable Mention Southcentre Mall

BEST PLACE TO BUY SCHOOL SUPPLIES

1st Place Wal-Mart
 Honorable Mention Staples Business Depot
 Honorable Mention Real Canadian Superstore

BEST FAMILY PHOTOGRAPHER

1st Place Sears Portrait Studio
 Honorable Mention Wal-Mart
 Honorable Mention Sunflowers Photographic Creations Ltd.

BEST PET SHOP

1st Place Petland
 Honorable Mention Petcetera
 Honorable Mention Petsmart

BEST SHOE STORE

1st Place Payless ShoeSource
 Honorable Mention Tie Happyland Shoes / The Shoe Company

BEST SPORTING GOODS STORE

1st Place Sport Chek
 Honorable Mention Sport Mart
 Honorable Mention Mountain Equipment Co-op

BEST TOY STORE

1st Place Toys R Us
 Honorable Mention Wal-Mart
 Honorable Mention The Discovery Hut

BEST VIDEO STORE

1st Place Blockbuster Video
 Honorable Mention Rogers Video
 Honorable Mention VHQ

BEST DAILY MEDIA

BEST OVERALL RADIO STATION

1st Place 96 Jack FM
 Honorable Mention Lite 96
 Honorable Mention Country 105

BEST OVERALL TELEVISION STATION

1st Place Global Television
 Honorable Mention CTV (CFCN)
 Honorable Mention CBC

BEST DAILY NEWSPAPER

1st Place The Calgary Herald
 Honorable Mention Calgary Sun

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 Honorable Mention Calgary Public Library
 Honorable Mention Devonian Gardens



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