



# The Winners of the 2023 Calgary's Child Magazine's PARENTS' CHOICE AWARDS

The results are in! Who has the best products, services, and experiences in Calgary? 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 26th annual. Our readers were invited to vote online at [calgaryschild.com](http://calgaryschild.com) for their family favorites in 24 categories. The response was phenomenal. Thank you to everyone who voted and sent us such wonderful feedback. We have tallied your votes - here are your 2023 Calgary's Child Parents' Choice Award Winners!

## Best Tourist/Family Attraction

Winner ..... Wilder Institute/Calgary Zoo  
Honourable Mention ..... Heritage Park Historical Village  
Honourable Mention ..... Calaway Park

## Best Family Fun Location

Winner ..... TELUS Spark  
Honourable Mention ..... Calgary Farmyard  
Honourable Mention ..... Granary Road

## Best Annual Family Festival

Winner ..... Calgary Stampede  
Honourable Mention ..... Calgary Folk Music Festival  
Honourable Mention ..... Lilac Festival

## Best Winter Event for Families

Winner ..... Wilder Institute/Calgary Zoo - Zoolights  
Honourable Mention ..... Spruce Meadows International  
Christmas Market  
Honourable Mention ..... Heritage Park Historical Village -  
Once Upon a Christmas

## Best Family Recreation Facility

Winner ..... Southland Leisure Centre, City of  
Calgary Recreation & Social Programs  
Honourable Mention ..... Shane Homes YMCA at Rocky Ridge  
Honourable Mention ..... Vecova

## Best Museum for Families

Winner ..... TELUS Spark  
Honourable Mention ..... Heritage Park Historical Village  
Honourable Mention ..... National Music Centre at Studio Bell

## Best Live Performance Group for Families

Winner ..... StoryBook Theatre  
Honourable Mention ..... Jubilations Dinner Theatre  
Honourable Mention ..... Loose Moose Theatre Company

## Best Place to have a Children's Party

Winner ..... Flying Squirrel Trampoline Park  
Honourable Mention ..... The Big Box - Family Entertainment Hub  
Honourable Mention ..... Calgary Climbing Centre

## Best Party Entertainment

Winner ..... Christopher Cool the Magician  
Honourable Mention ..... Deano the Magic Man  
Honourable Mention ..... Calgary Reptile Parties

## Best Accessible/Inclusive Experience for Kids

Winner ..... City of Calgary - Parks & Open Spaces  
Honourable Mention ..... TELUS Spark  
Honourable Mention ..... Wilder Institute/Calgary Zoo

## Best Place to Take Your Kids on a Crummy Day

Winner ..... TELUS Spark  
Honourable Mention ..... Calgary Public Library  
Honourable Mention ..... The Big Box - Family Entertainment Hub

## Best Early Childhood Education Program (Pre-K)

Winner ..... Kaleidoscope Kids Preschool  
Honourable Mention ..... 2000 Days Pre-Kindergarten  
Honourable Mention ..... Edelweiss Preparatory School

## Best Program for Toddlers

Winner ..... Brilliant Beginnings  
Honourable Mention ..... Calgary Public Library  
Honourable Mention ..... City of Calgary Recreation & Social Programs

## Best Extracurricular Program for Preschoolers

Winner ..... Summit Start  
Honourable Mention ..... Sportball  
Honourable Mention ..... City of Calgary Recreation & Social Programs

## Best Extracurricular Program for School-Aged Children

Winner ..... City of Calgary Recreation & Social Programs  
Honourable Mention ..... Girl Guides of Canada  
Honourable Mention ..... Calgary Climbing Centre

## Best Children's Camp

Winner ..... Camp Cadicasu  
Honourable Mention ..... Summit Kids  
Honourable Mention ..... Pedalheads

## Best Parent Support Group

Winner ..... Families Matter  
Honourable Mention ..... Mommy Connections  
Honourable Mention ..... Alberta Health Services  
Birth & Babies

## Best Prenatal/Postpartum Care

Winner ..... Calgary Birth Essentials  
Honourable Mention ..... Alberta Health Services Birth & Babies  
Honourable Mention ..... Moss Postpartum House

## Best Farmers/Artisan Market

Winner ..... Calgary Farmers' Market  
Honourable Mention ..... Crossroads Market  
Honourable Mention ..... The Saskatoon Farm

## Best Local Children's Retail

Winner ..... Purr Petite  
Honourable Mention ..... West Coast Kids  
Honourable Mention ..... Little Footprints

## Best Independent Local Coffee Shop

Winner ..... Higher Ground Cafe  
Honourable Mention ..... Euphoria Cafe  
Honourable Mention ..... Weeds Cafe

## Best Local Second-Hand Retail

Winner ..... Once Upon a Child  
Honourable Mention ..... Fresh Kids  
Honourable Mention ..... Harper's Hamper

## Best Place for Children's Haircuts

Winner ..... Beaners Fun Cuts For Kids  
Honourable Mention ..... Tommy Gun's Original Barbershop  
Honourable Mention ..... Great Clips

## Best Local Toy & Game Store

Winner ..... Castle Toys  
Honourable Mention ..... Cherry Tree Lane Toys  
Honourable Mention ..... The Discovery Hut