

# The Winners of the 2013 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 17th 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.

## ACTIVITIES

### Best City of Calgary Tourist/Family Attraction

- 1st ..... Calgary Zoo
- Honourable Mention..... Heritage Park Historical Village
- Honourable Mention..... TELUS Spark The New Science Centre

### Best Family Fun Location

- 1st ..... Calaway Park
- Honourable Mention..... Calgary Zoo
- Honourable Mention..... Shakers Fun Centre

### Best Family Festival

- 1st ..... Calgary International Children's Festival
- Honourable Mention..... 4th Street Lilac Festival
- Honourable Mention..... Kensington Sun & Salsa Festival

### Best Family Halloween Event

- 1st ..... Calgary Zoo (Boo at the Zoo)
- Honourable Mention..... Heritage Park Historical Village (Ghouls Night Out)
- Honourable Mention..... Gymboree Play & Music of Calgary (Pumpkin Patch Party)

### Best Family Christmas Event

- 1st ..... Calgary Zoo (Zoolights)
- Honourable Mention..... Heritage Park Historical Village (Once Upon a Christmas)
- Honourable Mention..... Airdrie Festival of Lights

### Best Programs for Preschoolers

- 1st ..... The City of Calgary Recreation
- Honourable Mention..... Brilliant Beginnings
- Honourable Mention..... Gymboree Play & Music of Calgary

### Best Programs for School Age Children

- 1st ..... The City of Calgary Recreation
- Honourable Mention..... YMCA
- Honourable Mention..... Absolute Dance Studio

### Best Programs for Teens

- 1st ..... YMCA
- Honourable Mention..... The City of Calgary Recreation
- Honourable Mention..... Absolute Dance Studio

### Best Children's Day Camp

- 1st ..... YMCA
- Honourable Mention..... The City of Calgary Recreation
- Honourable Mention..... WinSport Canada (COP)

### Best Children's Residential Camp

- 1st ..... YMCA – Camp Chief Hector
- Honourable Mention..... Heritage Park Historical Village (Home on the Range)
- Honourable Mention..... Kamp Kiwanis

### Best Family Ski Area in Alberta

- 1st ..... WinSport Canada (COP)
- Honourable Mention..... Nakiska
- Honourable Mention..... Sunshine Village

### Best Swimming Pool

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

### Best Family Fitness Facility

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

### Best Live Theatre Group

- 1st ..... StoryBook Theatre
- Honourable Mention..... Stage West for Kids
- Honourable Mention..... Loose Moose Theatre Company

### Best Movie Theatre

- 1st ..... Scotiabank Theatre
- Chinook Cineplex
- Honourable Mention..... SilverCity CrossIron Mills Cinemas
- Honourable Mention..... Canyon Meadows Cinemas

### Best Museum for Families

- 1st ..... Glenbow Museum
- Honourable Mention..... TELUS Spark The New Science Centre
- Honourable Mention..... Royal Tyrrell Museum

## BIRTHDAY PARTIES

### Best Place to Have a Children's Party

- 1st ..... Stir Crazy Family Fun Centre
- Honourable Mention..... Shakers Fun Centre
- Honourable Mention..... Calgary Gymnastics Centre

### Best Party Entertainment

- 1st ..... Calgary Reptile Parties
- Honourable Mention..... Christopher Cool Productions
- Honourable Mention..... Mad Science

### Best Birthday Cakes

- 1st ..... Calgary Co-op
- Honourable Mention..... Dairy Queen
- Honourable Mention..... Cakeworks

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**Best Party Supply Store**  
 1st ..... Canuck Amusements  
 Honourable Mention..... Party City  
 Honourable Mention..... Cody Party Calgary South

## FOOD & GROCERY

**Best Grocery Store**  
 1st ..... The Real Canadian Superstore  
 Honourable Mention..... Calgary Co-op  
 Honourable Mention..... Safeway

**Best Ice Cream Store**  
 1st ..... Marble Slab Creamery  
 Honourable Mention..... Dairy Queen  
 Honourable Mention..... My Favorite Ice Cream Shoppe

**Best Natural Foods Store**  
 1st ..... Community Natural Foods  
 Honourable Mention..... Amaranth Whole Foods Market  
 Honourable Mention..... Planet Organic Market

**Best Fast Food/Drive-Thru**  
 1st ..... McDonald's  
 Honourable Mention..... Peters' Drive-In  
 Honourable Mention..... Wendy's Restaurants of Canada

**Best Pizza**  
 1st ..... Boston Pizza  
 Honourable Mention..... Panago Pizza  
 Honourable Mention..... Little Caesars Pizza

**Best Children's Menu**  
 1st ..... Boston Pizza  
 Honourable Mention..... Montana's Cookhouse  
 Honourable Mention..... Moxie's Grill & Bar

**Best Restaurant for Parent's Night Out**  
 1st ..... The Keg Steakhouse & Bar  
 Honourable Mention..... Redwater Rustic Grille  
 Honourable Mention..... NOtaBLE The Restaurant

## TRAVEL

**Best Hotel/Motel**  
 1st ..... Delta Lodge at Kananaskis  
 Honourable Mention..... Douglas Fir Resort & Chalets  
 Honourable Mention..... The Sheraton Suites  
 Calgary Eau Claire

## HEALTH SERVICES

**Best Pharmaceutical Service/Advice**  
 1st ..... Shoppers Drug Mart  
 Honourable Mention..... Safeway  
 Honourable Mention..... London Drugs

## SUPPORT & EDUCATION

**Best Preschool**  
 1st ..... Edelweiss Preparatory School  
 Honourable Mention..... Joso's Play and Learn Centre  
 Honourable Mention..... Kinderhouse Preschool

**Best Tutor/Remedial Support**  
 1st ..... Kumon  
 Honourable Mention..... Sylvan Learning Centres  
 Honourable Mention..... Tutor Doctor

**Best Playgroup for Children**  
 1st ..... Gymboree Play & Music  
 of Calgary  
 Honourable Mention..... Brilliant Beginnings  
 Honourable Mention..... Parents and Children Together  
 (PACT)

**Best Parent Support Group**  
 1st ..... Parents and Children Together  
 (PACT)  
 Honourable Mention..... Attachment Parents' Village  
 Honourable Mention..... Alberta Health Services  
 Perinatal Education

**Best Child Care Facility**  
 1st ..... Joso's Play and Learn Centre  
 Honourable Mention..... YMCA  
 Honourable Mention..... Kids & Company

## SHOPPING

**Best Children's New Clothing Store/Independent**  
 1st ..... Stephanie's Kids  
 Honourable Mention..... Coco & Charlie  
 Children's Clothing  
 Honourable Mention..... GravityKidz

**Best Children's New Clothing Store/Chain**  
 1st ..... The Children's Place  
 Honourable Mention..... GAP  
 Honourable Mention..... Gymboree

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

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

**Best Children's Second Hand Clothing Store**  
 1st ..... Once Upon a Child – South  
 1st ..... Once Upon a Child – North  
 Honourable Mention..... Silly Toes Kids & Maternity Wear  
 Honourable Mention..... Sproutz Kidz

**Best Children's Furniture Store**  
 1st ..... E-Children & West Coast Kids  
 Honourable Mention..... IKEA  
 Honourable Mention..... Toys "R" Us

**Best Children's Bookstore**  
 1st ..... Chapters/Indigo  
 Honourable Mention..... Monkeyshines Children's Books  
 Honourable Mention..... Fair's Fair

**Best Place for Children's Haircuts**  
 1st ..... Beaners Fun Cuts for Kids  
 Honourable Mention..... Melonhead Children's Hair Care  
 Honourable Mention..... Giggles Cuts for Kids

**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

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**Calgary's Child**  
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**Best Family Photographer/Independently Owned**

1st ..... Sweet Ginger Photography  
Honourable Mention..... Visual Hues Photography  
Honourable Mention..... Nicole Halverson Photography

**Best Pet Supplies**

1st ..... Petland Superstores  
Honourable Mention..... PetSmart  
Honourable Mention..... Pet Planet

**Best Sporting Goods Store**

1st ..... SportChek  
Honourable Mention..... Bass Pro Shops  
Honourable Mention..... Mountain Equipment Co-op

**Best Toy Store**

1st ..... Toys "R" Us  
Honourable Mention..... Scholar's Choice  
Honourable Mention..... Castle Toys

**BEST PLACE TO TAKE YOUR KIDS**

**ON A CRUMMY DAY**

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1st ..... Shakers Fun Centre  
Honourable Mention..... Stir Crazy Family Fun Centre  
Honourable Mention..... TELUS Spark The New  
Science Centre

**PUBLISHER'S AWARD OF DISTINCTION**

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