

# The Winners of the 2017 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 21st annual. Our readers were invited to vote online at calgaryschild.com for their family favorites in over 40 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 2017 Calgary's Child Parents' Choice Award Winners!

## Best Tourist/Family Attraction

Winner . . . . . Calgary Zoo  
Honourable Mention . . . . . Heritage Park Historical Village  
Honourable Mention . . . . . Calaway Park

## Best Family Fun Location

Winner . . . . . Calgary Corn Maze & Fun Farm  
Honourable Mention . . . . . Butterfield Acres Farm  
Honourable Mention . . . . . Joso's Play and Learn Centre

## Best Annual Festival

Winner . . . . . Calgary Stampede  
Honourable Mention . . . . . Calgary International  
Children's Festival  
Honourable Mention . . . . . Beakerhead

## Best Halloween Event

Winner . . . . . Heritage Park Historical Village -  
Ghouls' Night Out  
Honourable Mention . . . . . Calgary Corn Maze & Fun Farm -  
Autumn Pumpkin Festival  
Honourable Mention . . . . . Butterfield Acres Farm -  
Harvest Pumpkin Hunts

## Best Christmas Event

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

## Best Extracurricular Programs for Preschoolers

Winner . . . . . Calgary Public Library  
Honourable Mention . . . . . The City of Calgary Recreation  
Honourable Mention . . . . . Calgary Gymnastics Centre

## Best Programs for School-Aged Children

Winner . . . . . The City of Calgary Recreation  
Honourable Mention . . . . . WinSport  
Honourable Mention . . . . . YMCA

## Best Programs for Teens

Winner . . . . . WinSport  
Honourable Mention . . . . . The City of Calgary Recreation  
Honourable Mention . . . . . Calgary Public Library

## Best Children's Day Camp

Winner . . . . . The City of Calgary Recreation  
Honourable Mention . . . . . Atlantis Programs Inc. & Pedalheads  
Honourable Mention . . . . . Joso's Play and Learn Centre

## Best Children's Residential/Sleep-Away Camp

Winner . . . . . Camp Chestermere  
Honourable Mention . . . . . YMCA - Camp Chief Hector  
Honourable Mention . . . . . Camp Cadicasu

## Best Family Ski Area in Alberta

Winner . . . . . Nakiska Mountain Resort  
Honourable Mention . . . . . Lake Louise Ski Resort  
Honourable Mention . . . . . Sunshine Village

## Best Swimming Pool

Winner . . . . . Southland Leisure Centre  
Honourable Mention . . . . . Westside Recreation Centre  
Honourable Mention . . . . . Vecova Recreation Centre

## Best Family Fitness Facility

Winner . . . . . Westside Recreation Centre  
Honourable Mention . . . . . VIVO, for Healthier Generations  
Honourable Mention . . . . . Southland Leisure Centre

## Best Live Theatre Group for Families

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

## Best Museum for Families

Winner . . . . . TELUS Spark  
Honourable Mention . . . . . Royal Tyrrell Museum  
Honourable Mention . . . . . Heritage Park Historical Village

## Best Place to Have a Children's Party

Winner . . . . . 4Cats Arts Studio  
Honourable Mention . . . . . Joso's Play and Learn Centres  
Honourable Mention . . . . . Calgary Zoo

## Best In-Home Party Entertainment

Winner . . . . . Mad Science  
Honourable Mention . . . . . Butterfield Acres Farm  
Honourable Mention . . . . . Bricks4Kids

## Best Local Birthday Cakes

Winner . . . . . Crave Cookies and Cupcakes  
Honourable Mention . . . . . Calgary Co-op  
Honourable Mention . . . . . Glamorgan Bakery

## Best Grocery Store

Winner . . . . . Real Canadian Superstore  
Honourable Mention . . . . . Calgary Co-op  
Honourable Mention . . . . . Costco Wholesale

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**Best Ice Cream Store**

Winner. . . . . Village Ice Cream  
 Honourable Mention . . . . . Marble Slab Creamery  
 Honourable Mention . . . . . Dairy Queen

**Best Natural Foods Store**

Winner. . . . . Community Natural Foods  
 Honourable Mention . . . . . Planet Organic Market  
 Honourable Mention (TIE) . . . . . Sunterra Market and  
 Amaranth Whole Foods Market

**Best Farmers Market**

Winner. . . . . Calgary Farmers' Market  
 Honourable Mention . . . . . Symons Valley Ranch Farmers'  
 Market  
 Honourable Mention . . . . . Crossroads Market

**Best Drive-Thru /Fast Food Place**

Winner. . . . . Peters' Drive-In  
 Honourable Mention . . . . . McDonald's  
 Honourable Mention . . . . . Tim Hortons

**Best Family Dining**

Winner. . . . . Boston Pizza  
 Honourable Mention . . . . . Montana's BBQ & Bar  
 Honourable Mention . . . . . Swiss Chalet

**Best Restaurant for Parent's Night Out**

Winner. . . . . The Keg Steakhouse & Bar  
 Honourable Mention . . . . . NOtaBLE The Restaurant  
 Honourable Mention . . . . . Mercato

**Best Preschool, Playschool or Jr. Kindergarten**

Winner. . . . . Joso's Play and Learn Centres  
 Honourable Mention . . . . . Edelweiss Preparatory School  
 Honourable Mention . . . . . Kaleidoscope Kids Preschool

**Best Tutor/Remedial Support**

Winner. . . . . Kumon  
 Honourable Mention . . . . . Sylvan Learning Centres  
 Honourable Mention . . . . . Calgary Tutoring Centre

**Best Parented Playgroup for Children**

Winner. . . . . Gymboree Play & Music  
 of Calgary  
 Honourable Mention . . . . . Joso's Play and Learn Centres  
 Honourable Mention . . . . . Brilliant Beginnings Educational  
 Centre

**Best Parent Support Group**

Winner. . . . . Alberta Health Services -  
 Perinatal Services  
 Honourable Mention . . . . . Family Connections Parent  
 Link Centre  
 Honourable Mention . . . . . Families Matter

**Best Full-Day Child Care Service**

Winner. . . . . Joso's Play and Learn Centres  
 Honourable Mention . . . . . Panda Childcare  
 Honourable Mention . . . . . Kids & Company

**Best Children's New Clothing Store (Independently Owned)**

Winner. . . . . Kacz' Kids  
 Honourable Mention . . . . . Great Outdoors Jr. Outfitters  
 Honourable Mention . . . . . Little Footprints

**Best Second-Hand Children's Clothing Store**

Winner. . . . . Once Upon A Child  
 Honourable Mention . . . . . Value Village  
 Honourable Mention . . . . . Sproutz Kidz

**Best Place for Maternity Wear (Independently Owned)**

Winner. . . . . Baby & Me Maternity  
 Honourable Mention . . . . . Posh Mommy  
 Honourable Mention . . . . . Ella Bella Maternity Boutique

**Best Place for Baby Supplies & Furniture (Independently Owned)**

Winner. . . . . Kacz' Kids  
 Honourable Mention . . . . . Babes in Arms  
 Honourable Mention . . . . . Baby and Me

**Best Children's Bookstore**

Winner. . . . . Indigo, Chapters and Coles  
 Honourable Mention . . . . . Monkeyshines Childrens Books  
 Honourable Mention . . . . . Owl's Nest Books

**Best Place for Children's Haircuts**

Winner. . . . . Beaners Fun Cuts for Kids  
 Honourable Mention . . . . . Melonhead Children's Hair Care  
 Honourable Mention . . . . . Tommy Gun's Original  
 Barbershop

**Best Shopping Mall for Families**

Winner. . . . . CF Market Mall  
 Honourable Mention . . . . . CrossIron Mills  
 Honourable Mention . . . . . Southcentre Mall

**Best Pet Supplies (Independently Owned)**

Winner. . . . . Pisces Pet Emporium  
 Honourable Mention . . . . . Paws Pet Food & Accessories  
 Honourable Mention . . . . . Fairplay Stores

**Best Toy & Game Store (Independently Owned)**

Winner. . . . . The Discovery Hut  
 Honourable Mention . . . . . Castle Toys  
 Honourable Mention . . . . . Livingstone & Cavell  
 Extraordinary Toys

**Best Accessible/Inclusive Experience for Kids with Special Needs**

Winner. . . . . TELUS Spark  
 Honourable Mention . . . . . Vecova Recreation Centre  
 Honourable Mention (TIE) . . . . . Calgary Zoo and Canyon  
 Meadows Cinema

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

Winner. . . . . TELUS Spark  
 Honourable Mention . . . . . TommyKplay!  
 Honourable Mention . . . . . Calgary Public Library

Congratulations to all this year's  
 winners and nominees!



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