



The Winners of . . . The 2005 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 9th annual. Ballots were distributed in the November/December-2004 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.

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 Stampeders
Honorable Mention Calgary Hitmen

BEST FESTIVAL

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

BEST HALLOWEEN EVENT

1st Place Calgary Zoo
Honorable Mention Heritage Park After Dark
Honorable Mention Butterfield Acres Pumpkin Hunts

BEST CHRISTMAS EVENT

1st Place Calgary Zoo/Lights
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 YMCA Calgary
Honorable Mention Family Leisure Centre

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

1st Place City of Calgary Recreation
Honorable Mention Science Centre
Honorable Mention YMCA Calgary

BEST CHILDREN'S DAY CAMP

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

BEST CHILDREN'S RESIDENTIAL CAMP

1st Place YMCA Calgary
Honorable Mention Camp Chief Hector
Honorable Mention Camp Valaqua

BEST SKI AREA IN ALBERTA

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

BEST SWIMMING POOL

1st Place Southland Leisure Centre
Honorable Mention Village Square Leisure Centre
Honorable Mention Cardel Place for Community Sports and Recreation

BEST FAMILY FITNESS FACILITY

1st Place YMCA Calgary
Honorable Mention Southland Leisure Centre
Honorable Mention Cardel Place for Community Sports and Recreation

BEST LIVE THEATRE COMPANY

1st Place Storybook Theatre
Honorable Mention StageWest Theatre for Kids
Honorable Mention Theatre Calgary

BEST MOVIE THEATRE

1st Place Chinook Famous Players Coliseum
Honorable Mention Famous Players Silver City
Honorable Mention Canyon Meadows

BEST MUSEUM

1st Place Glenbow Museum
Honorable Mention Royal Tyrrell Museum
Honorable Mention Science Centre

BIRTHDAY PARTIES

BEST PLACE TO HAVE A CHILDREN'S PARTY

1st Place McDonald's Restaurants
Honorable Mention Let's Play
Honorable Mention VRR!

BEST ENTERTAINMENT

1st Place Enchanted Events
Honorable Mention Mad Science
Honorable Mention A Couple of Real Clowns (Buddy and Button)

FOOD & GROCERY

BEST BIRTHDAY CAKES

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

BEST GROCERY STORE

1st Place Co-op
Honorable Mention Canada Safeway
Honorable Mention Superstore

BEST ICE CREAM

1st Place Dairy Queen
Honorable Mention Lic's
Honorable Mention Baskin/Robbins

BEST NATURAL FOODS STORE

1st Place Community Natural Foods
Honorable Mention Amaranth
Honorable Mention Sunterra Market

BEST FAST FOOD PLACE

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

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 McDonald's Restaurants
Honorable Mention Denny's Restaurants

BEST RESTAURANT FOR PARENT'S NIGHT OUT

1st Place Vintage Chop House
Honorable Mention Chianti Restaurants
Honorable Mention Olive Garden

TRAVEL

BEST TRAVEL AGENCY

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

BEST HOTEL/MOTEL

1st Place Sheraton Suites
Honorable Mention Holiday Inn
Honorable Mention Delta Lodge at Kananaskis

HEALTH SERVICES

BEST PHARMACY

1st Place Shoppers Drug Mart
Honorable Mention London Drugs
Honorable Mention Canada Safeway

BEST PEDIATRICIAN/FAMILY DOCTOR

1st Place Dr. Chen Stanzelait
Honorable Mention Dr. Peter Neiman
Honorable Mention Dr. Byron Wong

SUPPORT & EDUCATION

BEST PRESCHOOL

1st Place Campus Preschool
Honorable Mention South Calgary
Honorable Mention Community Nursery School
Honorable Mention Village Square Leisure Centre

BEST TUTOR

1st Place Sylvan Learning Centre
Honorable Mention Kumon
Honorable Mention Oxford Learning

BEST PLAYGROUP FOR CHILDREN

1st Place Gymboree Play & Music
Honorable Mention Coffee 'N' Scream
Honorable Mention Raymond Early Parenting

BEST PARENT SUPPORT GROUP

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

BEST CHILDCARE FACILITY

1st Place YMCA Calgary
Honorable Mention Panda Day Cares
Honorable Mention Mount Royal College

SHOPPING

BEST CHILDREN'S CLOTHING STORE

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

BEST PLACE FOR BABY SUPPLIES

1st Place Wal-Mart
Honorable Mention Superstore
Honorable Mention Zellers

BEST SECOND HAND CLOTHING STORE

1st Place Once Upon a Child
Honorable Mention KidXchange
Honorable Mention Lollipop

BEST CHILDREN'S FURNITURE STORE

1st Place Ikea
Honorable Mention E-Children
Honorable Mention Sears

BEST CHILDREN'S BOOK STORE

1st Place Chapters/Indigo
Honorable Mention Monkeys/shines
Honorable Mention Costco

BEST PLACE FOR CHILDREN'S HAIRCUTS

1st Place First Choice
Honorable Mention Great Clips
Honorable Mention Kid's Play

BEST SHOPPING MALL FOR FAMILIES

1st Place Market Mall
Honorable Mention Chinook
Honorable Mention Southcentre

BEST PLACE TO BUY SCHOOL SUPPLIES

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

BEST FAMILY PHOTOGRAPHER

1st Place Sears Photography
Honorable Mention Wal-Mart
Honorable Mention Carolyn Sandstrom

BEST PET SHOP

1st Place Petland
Honorable Mention Petcenter
Honorable Mention Pieces

BEST SHOE STORE

1st Place Payless ShoeSource
Honorable Mention Wal-Mart
Honorable Mention Happyland

BEST SPORTING GOODS STORE

1st Place Sport Chek
Honorable Mention Sport Swap
Honorable Mention SportsMart

BEST TOY STORE

1st Place Toys R Us
Honorable Mention Wal-Mart
Honorable Mention Castle Toys

BEST VIDEO STORE

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

BEST DAILY MEDIA

BEST MORNING NEWS SOURCE

1st Place Global Television
Honorable Mention A-Channel

BEST EVENING NEWS SOURCE

1st Place CFCN TV
Honorable Mention Global Television

BEST OVERALL RADIO STATION

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

BEST OVERALL TELEVISION STATION

1st Place Global Television
Honorable Mention CFCN TV
Honorable Mention A-Channel

BEST DAILY NEWSPAPER

1st Place The Calgary Herald
Honorable Mention Calgary Sun
Honorable Mention Globe & Mail

AND FINALLY . . .

BEST PLACE TO TAKE YOUR KIDS ON A CRUMMY DAY

1st Place Science Centre
Honorable Mention Calgary Public Library
Honorable Mention Let's Play



Mark Your Calendars

Calgary's Child Magazine's 4th Annual Family Fun Fair

Saturday, April 30, 2005, 9 am to 4 pm, Olympic Oval

Calgary's Child Magazine comes to life on April 30, 2005, 9 am to 5 pm at our 4th Annual Family Fun Fair at the University of Calgary Olympic Oval.

Parents, here's your chance to meet the experts in summer camps, extracurricular programming, birthday parties, parenting support, resources and more. Plus there'll be lots of hands-on fun and laughter for the kids at this annual fun-filled, information-loaded event. All the information you need . . . all in one place.

And best of all . . . it's free!

Call 241-6066 or visit calgaryschild.com for more information.