

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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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

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

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