



The Winners of . . . The 2004 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, the 8th annual — were bigger and better than ever. Ballots were distributed in the November/December-2003 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 this year.

Congratulations to all the winners!

ACTIVITIES

BEST TOURIST/FAMILY ATTRACTION

- 1st Place Calgary Zoo
- 2nd Place Heritage Park
- 3rd Place Calaway Park

BEST CALGARY SPORTS TEAM

- 1st Place Calgary Flames
- 2nd Place Calgary Stampeders
- 3rd Place Calgary Hitmen

BEST FESTIVAL

- 1st Place Calgary International Children's Festival
- 2nd Place Calgary Exhibition & Stampede
- 3rd Place Calgary Folk Festival

BEST HALLOWEEN EVENT

- 1st Place Boo at the Zoo
- 2nd Place Pumpkin Hunts at Butterfield Acres
- 3rd Place Heritage Park After Dark

BEST CHRISTMAS EVENT

- 1st Place Zoolights at the Calgary Zoo
- 2nd Place Heritage Park's 12 Days of Christmas
- 3rd Place Nativity Pageant at Heritage Park

BEST PLACE FOR EXTRACURRICULAR PROGRAMS FOR PRESCHOOLERS (I.E. GYM, DANCE, ART, ETC.)

- 1st Place Gymboree Play & Music
- 2nd Place YMCA Calgary
- 3rd Place City of Calgary Recreation

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

- 1st Place City of Calgary Recreation
- 2nd Place YMCA Calgary
- 3rd Place Southland Leisure Centre

BEST CHILDREN'S DAY CAMP

- 1st Place Mad Science
- 2nd Place YMCA Calgary
- 3rd Place The Vanishing Rabbit Magic Shop

BEST CHILDREN'S RESIDENTIAL CAMP

- 1st Place YMCA's Camp Chief Hector
- 2nd Place Camp Valaqua
- 3rd Place Camp Okotoks

BEST SKI AREA IN ALBERTA

- 1st Place Lake Louise
- 2nd Place Sunshine Village
- 3rd Place Nakiska

BEST SWIMMING POOL

- 1st Place Southland Leisure Centre
- 2nd Place Village Square Leisure Centre
- 3rd Place YMCA Calgary

BEST FAMILY FITNESS FACILITY

- 1st Place YMCA Calgary
- 2nd Place Southland Leisure Centre
- 3rd Place Village Square Leisure Centre

BEST LIVE THEATRE COMPANY

- 1st Place StoryBook Theatre
- 2nd Place Jubilations Calgary
- 3rd Place Dinner Theatre Ltd.

BEST MOVIE THEATRE

- 1st Place Famous Players - Chinook
- 2nd Place IMAX Theatre
- 3rd Place Famous Players - SilverCity

BEST MUSEUM

- 1st Place Glenbow Museum
- 2nd Place Royal Tyrrell Museum
- 3rd Place Calgary Science Centre

BIRTHDAY PARTIES

BEST PLACE TO HAVE A CHILDREN'S PARTY

- 1st Place The Vanishing Rabbit Magic Shop
- 2nd Place McDonald's Restaurants
- 3rd Place Burger King

BEST ENTERTAINMENT

- 1st Place The Vanishing Rabbit Magic Shop
- 2nd Place Richard Young the Magician
- 3rd Place Mad Science

FOOD & GROCERY

BEST BIRTHDAY CAKES

- 1st Place Calgary Co-op
- 2nd Place Dairy Queen
- 3rd Place Cakeworks

BEST GROCERY STORE

- 1st Place Calgary Co-op
- 2nd Place Canada Safeway
- 3rd Place The Real Canadian Superstore

BEST COFFEE SHOP

- 1st Place Tim Hortons
- 2nd Place Starbucks
- 3rd Place Second Cup

BEST ICE CREAM STORE

- 1st Place Dairy Queen
- 2nd Place Confetti Home Made Ice Cream
- 3rd Place Lics (Leavitt's Ice Cream Shop)

BEST NATURAL FOODS STORE

- 1st Place Community Natural Foods
- 2nd Place Amaranth Whole Foods
- 3rd Place Sunterra Market

BEST FAST FOOD PLACE

- 1st Place Wendy's
- 2nd Place McDonald's Restaurants
- 3rd Place Peter's Drive-In

BEST DRIVE-THRU

- 1st Place Peter's Drive-In
- 2nd Place McDonald's Restaurants
- 3rd Place Wendy's

BEST PIZZA

- 1st Place Pizza Hut
- 2nd Place Boston Pizza
- 3rd Place Pizza 73

BEST CHILDREN'S MENU

- 1st Place McDonald's Restaurants
- 2nd Place Boston Pizza
- 3rd Place Montana's Restaurant

BEST RESTAURANT FOR PARENT'S NIGHT OUT

- 1st Place Keg Steakhouse & Bar
- 2nd Place East Side Mario's
- 3rd Place Earl's

TRAVEL

BEST TRAVEL AGENCY

- 1st Place Calgary Co-op Travel
- 2nd Place AMA Travel Services
- 3rd Place Sears Travel Service

BEST HOTEL/MOTEL

- 1st Place Sheraton Suites - Eau Claire
- 2nd Place Fairmont Hotels
- 3rd Place Holiday Inn

HEALTH SERVICES

BEST PHARMACY

- 1st Place Calgary Co-op
- 2nd Place Canada Safeway
- 3rd Place Shoppers Drug Mart

BEST PAEDIATRICIAN/FAMILY DOCTOR

- 1st Place Dr. Byron Wong
- 2nd Place Dr. Janette Hurley

SUPPORT & EDUCATION

BEST PRESCHOOL

- 1st Place Mountain View Academy
- 2nd Place Campus Preschool
- 3rd Place Oxford Learning Centres

BEST TUTOR

- 1st Place Oxford Learning Centres
- 2nd Place Sylvan Learning Centre
- 3rd Place Kumon Math and Reading Centres

BEST PLAYGROUP FOR CHILDREN

- 1st Place Gymboree Play & Music
- 2nd Place Parents and Children Together (PACT)
- 3rd Place Wee Kids Playgroup

BEST PARENT SUPPORT GROUP

- 1st Place Calgary Health Region
- 2nd Place Parents and Children Together (PACT)
- 3rd Place Families Matter Society

BEST CHILDCARE FACILITY

- 1st Place Bow Valley Day Care
- 2nd Place Kidscenes
- 3rd Place YMCA Calgary

SHOPPING

BEST CHILDREN'S CLOTHING STORE

- 1st Place Zellers
- 2nd Place Kacz' Kids
- 3rd Place Over the Rainbow

BEST PLACE FOR BABY SUPPLIES

- 1st Place Wal-mart
- 2nd Place The Real Canadian Superstore
- 3rd Place Zellers

BEST SECOND HAND CLOTHING STORE

- 1st Place Once Upon a Child
- 2nd Place Lollipop Children's Fashions
- 3rd Place Value Village

BEST CHILDREN'S FURNITURE STORE

- 1st Place Ikea Canada
- 2nd Place Sears Canada Inc.
- 3rd Place e-children Ltd.

BEST CHILDREN'S BOOK STORE

- 1st Place Monkeyshines Children's Books
- 2nd Place Chapters
- 3rd Place Indigo

BEST PLACE FOR CHILDREN'S HAIRCUTS

- 1st Place MasterCuts
- 2nd Place Supercuts
- 3rd Place Beeners Fun Cuts for Kids

BEST SHOPPING MALL FOR FAMILIES

- 1st Place Market Mall
- 2nd Place Chinook Centre
- 3rd Place Sunridge Mall

BEST PLACE TO BUY SCHOOL SUPPLIES

- 1st Place Wal-mart
- 2nd Place Staples Business Depot
- 3rd Place Zellers

BEST FAMILY PHOTOGRAPHER

- 1st Place Wal-mart
- 2nd Place Sears Photography
- 3rd Place Sunflowers Photographic Creations Ltd.

BEST PET SHOP

- 1st Place Petland Superstores
- 2nd Place Pisces Pet Emporium
- 3rd Place Petcetera

BEST SHOE STORE

- 1st Place Payless Shoe Source
- 2nd Place Wal-mart
- 3rd Place High Steppers For Children

BEST SPORTING GOODS STORE

- 1st Place Sport Chek
- 2nd Place Mountain Equipment Co-op
- 3rd Place Sport Swap Ltd.

BEST TOY STORE

- 1st Place Toys R Us
- 2nd Place Zellers
- 3rd Place Wal-mart

BEST VIDEO STORE

- 1st Place Rogers Video
- 2nd Place VHQ Entertainment
- 3rd Place Blockbuster Video

BEST DAILY MEDIA

BEST OVERALL RADIO STATION

- 1st Place 96.9 Jack FM
- 2nd Place The Peak 107.3
- 3rd Place The Breeze 103.1 FM

BEST EVENING NEWS SHOW

- 1st Place CFCN-TV
- 2nd Place A Channel
- 3rd Place Global Television

BEST OVERALL TELEVISION STATION

- 1st Place Global Television
- 2nd Place CFCN-TV
- 3rd Place A Channel

BEST DAILY NEWSPAPER

- 1st Place Calgary Herald
- 2nd Place Calgary Sun
- 3rd Place Globe & Mail

AND FINALLY . . .

BEST PLACE TO TAKE YOUR KIDS ON A CRUMMY DAY

- 1st Place Calgary Zoo
- 2nd Place Calgary Science Centre
- 3rd Place Southland Leisure Centre



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