

The Winners of the 2016 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 20th 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.

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

Best Festival

1st Calgary Stampede
Honourable Mention Calgary International Children's Festival (Kidsfest)
Honourable Mention GlobalFest

Best Halloween Event

1st Calgary Corn Maze & Fun Farm – Autumn Pumpkin Festival
Honourable Mention Heritage Park Historical Village – Ghouls' Night Out
Honourable Mention Butterfield Acres Farm – Harvest Pumpkin Hunts

Best Christmas Event

1st Calgary Zoo – Zoolights
Honourable Mention Heritage Park Historical Village – Once Upon a Christmas
Honourable Mention Spruce Meadows International Christmas Market

Best Non-School Classes for Preschoolers

1st Calgary Public Library
Honourable Mention The City of Calgary Recreation
Honourable Mention Gymboree Play & Music of Calgary

Best Programs for School Age Children

1st The City of Calgary Recreation
Honourable Mention WinSport's Canada Olympic Park
Honourable Mention VIVO, for Healthier Generations

Best Teen Programs

1st WinSport's Canada Olympic Park
Honourable Mention The City of Calgary Recreation
Honourable Mention Girl Guides of Canada

Best Children's Day Camp

1st The City of Calgary Recreation
Honourable Mention Joso's Play and Learn Centre
Honourable Mention Atlantis Programs Inc. & Pedalheads

Best Children's Residential/Sleep-Away Camp

1st YMCA – Camp Chief Hector
Honourable Mention Camp Chestermere
Honourable Mention Camp Cadicasu

Best Family Ski Area in Alberta

1st Nakiska Mountain Resort
Honourable Mention Lake Louise Ski Resort
Honourable Mention WinSport's Canada Olympic Park

Best Swimming Pool

1st Southland Leisure Centre
Honourable Mention VIVO, for Healthier Generations
Honourable Mention Westside Recreation Centre

Best Family Fitness Facility

1st VIVO, for Healthier Generations
Honourable Mention Westside Recreation Centre
Honourable Mention Southland Leisure Centre

Best Live Theatre Company

1st StoryBook Theatre
Honourable Mention Loose Moose Theatre Company
Honourable Mention Stage West For Kids

Best Movie Theatre

1st SilverCity CrossIron Mills Cinemas & XSCAPE Entertainment Centre
Honourable Mention Scotiabank Theatre Chinook
Honourable Mention Cineplex Odeon Crowfoot Crossing Cinemas

Best Museum for Families

1st TELUS Spark, The New Science Centre
Honourable Mention Royal Tyrrell Museum
Honourable Mention Heritage Park Historical Village

Best Place to Have a Children's Party

1st Joso's Play and Learn Centre
Honourable Mention 4Cats Arts Studio
Honourable Mention Calgary Zoo

Best In-Home Party Entertainment

1st (TIE) Butterfield Acres Farm
1st (TIE) Mad Science
Honourable Mention Christopher Cool Productions
Honourable Mention Calgary Reptile Parties

Best Birthday Cakes

1st Calgary Co-op
Honourable Mention Crave Cookies and Cupcakes
Honourable Mention Glamorgan Bakery

Best Grocery Store

1st Real Canadian Superstore
Honourable Mention Calgary Co-op
Honourable Mention Costco Wholesale

Best Ice Cream Store

1st Village Ice Cream
Honourable Mention Marble Slab Creamery
Honourable Mention Dairy Queen

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Best Natural Foods Store

1st. Community Natural Foods
 Honourable Mention Sunterra Market
 Honourable Mention Planet Organic Market

Best Farmers Market

1st. Calgary Farmers' Market
 Honourable Mention Symons Valley Ranch Farmers' Market
 Honourable Mention Crossroads Market

Best Fast Food/Drive-Thru

1st. Peters' Drive-In
 Honourable Mention McDonald's
 Honourable Mention Tim Hortons

Best Family Dining

1st. Boston Pizza
 Honourable Mention Montana's BBQ & Bar
 Honourable Mention KINJO Sushi & Grill

Best Restaurant for Parent's Night Out

1st. The Keg Steakhouse & Bar
 Honourable Mention NOtaBLE The Restaurant
 Honourable Mention Earls Kitchen + Bar

Best Preschool, Playschool or Jr. Kindergarten

1st. Joso's Play and Learn Centre
 Honourable Mention Kaleidoscope Kids Preschool
 Honourable Mention Edelweiss Preparatory School

Best Tutor/Remedial Support

1st. Kumon
 Honourable Mention Sylvan Learning Centres
 Honourable Mention Calgary Tutoring Centre

Best Parented Playgroup for Children

1st. Gymboree Play & Music of Calgary
 Honourable Mention Joso's Play and Learn Centre
 Honourable Mention Brilliant Beginnings Educational Centre

Best Parent Support Group

1st. Alberta Health Services - Perinatal Services
 Honourable Mention Families Matter
 Honourable Mention Calgary Family Services Parent Link

Best All Day Child Care Service

1st. Kids & Company
 Honourable Mention BrightPath Early Learning & Child Care
 Honourable Mention Calgary Early Learning Centre

Best Children's New Clothing Store (Independently Owned)

1st. Little Footprints
 Honourable Mention Coco & Charlie Children's Clothing
 Honourable Mention Stephanie's Kids

Best Children's New Clothing Store (Chain)

1st. The Children's Place
 Honourable Mention GAP
 Honourable Mention Carter's/OshKosh B'gosh

Best Second Hand Clothing Store

1st. Once Upon A Child
 Honourable Mention Sproutz Kidz
 Honourable Mention Value Village

Best Place for Maternity Wear (Chain)

1st. Thyme Maternity
 Honourable Mention Motherhood Maternity
 Honourable Mention Destination Maternity

Best Place for Maternity Wear (Independently Owned)

1st. Baby & Me Maternity
 Honourable Mention Posh Mommy
 Honourable Mention Ella Bella Maternity Boutique

Best Place for Baby Supplies (Chain)

1st. Babies "R" Us/Toys "R" Us
 Honourable Mention West Coast Kids (E-Children)
 Honourable Mention Real Canadian Superstore

Best Place for Baby Supplies (Independently Owned)

1st. Babes in Arms
 Honourable Mention Kacz' Kids
 Honourable Mention Coco & Charlie Children's Clothing

Best Children's Furniture Store (Chain)

1st. IKEA
 Honourable Mention West Coast Kids (E-Children)
 Honourable Mention Babies "R" Us/Toys "R" Us

Best Children's Furniture Store (Independently Owned)

1st. Kacz' Kids
 Honourable Mention Make Your Bed

Best Children's Bookstore

1st. Indigo, Chapters and Coles
 Honourable Mention Monkeys' Childrens Books
 Honourable Mention Owl's Nest Books

Best Place for Children's Haircuts

1st. Beaners Fun Cuts for Kids
 Honourable Mention Melonhead Children's Hair Care
 Honourable Mention Divas and Dudes Kids Hair Salon and Spa

Best Shopping Mall for Families

1st. CF Market Mall
 Honourable Mention CrossIron Mills
 Honourable Mention Southcentre Mall

Best Place to Buy School Supplies

1st. Walmart
 Honourable Mention Staples
 Honourable Mention Real Canadian Superstore

Best Family Photographer (Independently Owned)

1st. Nicole Halverson Photography
 Honourable Mention Life Photo Studios
 Honourable Mention Sweet Ginger Photography

Best Pet Supplies (Independently Owned)

1st. Pisces Pet Emporium
 Honourable Mention Paws Pet Food & Accessories
 Honourable Mention Rascals Pet Supplies

Best Pet Supplies (Chain)

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

Best Sporting Goods Store

1st. Sport Chek
 Honourable Mention MEC (Mountain Equipment Co-op)
 Honourable Mention Bass Pro Shops

Best Toy Store (Independently Owned)

1st. The Discovery Hut
 Honourable Mention Castle Toys
 Honourable Mention Livingstone & Cavell Extraordinary Toys

Best Toy Store (Chain)

1st. Toys "R" Us/Babies "R" Us
 Honourable Mention Mastermind Toys
 Honourable Mention Disney Store

Best Place to Take Your Kids on a Crummy Day

1st. TELUS Spark, The New Science Centre
 Honourable Mention TommyKplay!
 Honourable Mention Calgary Public Library