

The Winners of the 2011 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... 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 15th annual. Ballots were distributed in the November-December-2010 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. Thank you to everyone who voted and sent us such wonderful feedback.

ACTIVITIES

Best Tourist/Family Attraction

1st Calgary Zoo
Honourable Mention Calaway Park
Honourable Mention Heritage Park Historical Village

Best Calgary Sports Team

1st Calgary Flames
Honourable Mention Calgary Hitmen
Honourable Mention Calgary Stampeders

Best Festival

1st Calgary International Children's Festival
Honourable Mention Calgary Folk Music Festival
Honourable Mention 4th Street Lilac Festival

Best Halloween Event

1st Calgary Zoo (Boo at the Zoo)
Honourable Mention Heritage Park Historical Village
(Ghouls Night Out)
Honourable Mention Butterfield Acres Farm (Pumpkin Hunt)

Best Christmas Event

1st Calgary Zoo (Zoolights)
Honourable Mention Heritage Park Historical Village
(12 Days of Christmas at Heritage Park)
Honourable Mention Airdrie Festival of Lights

Best Preschooler Programs

1st The City of Calgary Recreation
Honourable Mention YMCA
Honourable Mention Room To Grow

Best Programs for School Age Children

1st The City of Calgary Recreation
Honourable Mention YMCA
Honourable Mention Cardel Place

Best Teen Programs

1st The City of Calgary Recreation
Honourable Mention YMCA
Honourable Mention Cardel Place

Best Children's Day Camp

1st The City of Calgary Recreation
Honourable Mention YMCA
Honourable Mention Butterfield Acres Farm

Best Children's Residential Camp

1st YMCA - Camp Chief Hector
Honourable Mention Camp Kasota West
Honourable Mention Camp Adventure
- Boys & Girls Clubs of Calgary

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 Village Square Leisure Centre

Best Family Fitness Facility

1st The City of Calgary Leisure Centres
Honourable Mention YMCA Facilities
Honourable Mention Cardel Place

Best Live Theatre Company

1st StoryBook Theatre
Honourable Mention Loose Moose Theatre Company
Honourable Mention StageWest for Kids

Best Movie Theatre

1st Scotiabank Theatre Chinook Cineplex
Honourable Mention Canyon Meadows Cinemas
Honourable Mention Cineplex Odeon Crowfoot Crossing Cinemas

Best Museum

1st Glenbow Museum
Honourable Mention Calgary 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 Chuck E. Cheese's
Honourable Mention Coffee & S'cream

Best Entertainment for a Children's Party

1st Calgary Reptile Parties
Honourable Mention Annabell's Attic
Honourable Mention Mad Science

Best Birthday Cakes

1st Calgary Co-op
Honourable Mention Dairy Queen
Honourable Mention Cakeworks

Best Party Supply Store

1st Dollarama
Honourable Mention Canuck Amusements
& Merchandising Ltd.
Honourable Mention Walmart

FOOD & GROCERY

Best Grocery Store

1st The Real Canadian Superstore
Honourable Mention Calgary Co-op
Honourable Mention Safeway

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Calgary's Child
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Best Ice Cream Store
 1st Marble Slab Creamery
 Honourable Mention Dairy Queen
 Honourable Mention MacKay's Cochrane Ice Cream

Best Natural Foods Store
 1st Community Natural Foods
 Honourable Mention Planet Organic Market
 Honourable Mention Amaranth Whole Foods Market

Best Fast Food
 1st McDonald's
 Honourable Mention Wendy's Restaurants of Canada
 Honourable Mention A & W

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

Best Pizza
 1st Boston Pizza
 Honourable Mention Pizza Hut
 Honourable Mention Panago Pizza

Best Children's Menu
 1st Boston Pizza
 Honourable Mention Montana's Cookhouse
 Honourable Mention Denny's

Best Restaurant for Parent's Night Out
 1st The Keg Steakhouse & Bar
 Honourable Mention Redwater Rustic Grille
 Honourable Mention Joey Tomato's

TRAVEL

Best Travel Agency
 1st Alberta Motor Association (AMA) Travel
 Honourable Mention Calgary Co-op Travel
 Honourable Mention Flight Centre

Best Hotel/Motel
 1st Delta Lodge at Kananskis
 Honourable Mention Sheraton Suites Eau Claire
 Honourable Mention (tie) Douglas Fir Resort

HEALTH SERVICES

Pharmacy
 1st Shoppers Drug Mart
 Honourable Mention Safeway
 Honourable Mention Calgary Co-op

SUPPORT AND EDUCATION

Best Preschool
 1st Edelweiss Preparatory School
 Honourable Mention Campus Pre-School
 Honourable Mention Kaleidoscope Kids Preschool

Best Tutor
 1st Tutor Doctor
 Honourable Mention Sylvan Learning Centres
 Honourable Mention Kumon

Best Playgroup
 1st Room To Grow
 Honourable Mention Gymboree Play & Music
 Honourable Mention PACT – a Program of FESA

Best Parent Support Group
 1st PACT – a Program of FESA
 Honourable Mention Attachment Parenting Village
 Honourable Mention Parent Link Centre

Best Child Care Facility
 1st Joso's Play and Learn Centre
 Honourable Mention Kids & Company
 Honourable Mention Panda Child Development Centre

SHOPPING

Best Children's Clothing Store
 1st The Children's Place
 Honourable Mention GAP
 Honourable Mention Old Navy

Best Place for Maternity Wear
 1st Thyme Maternity
 Honourable Mention Motherhood Maternity
 Honourable Mention Ella Bella

Best Place for Baby Supplies
 1st Toys "R" Us
 Honourable Mention Walmart
 Honourable Mention bo bébé

Best Second Hand Clothing Store
 1st Once Upon a Child – South
 1st Once Upon a Child – North
 Honourable Mention HuckleBerry Kids
 Honourable Mention Sproutz Kidz

Best Children's Furniture Store
 1st IKEA
 Honourable Mention E-Children
 Honourable Mention Kacz' Kids

Best Children's Bookstore
 1st Chapters/Indigo
 Honourable Mention Monkeyshines Children's 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 Great Clips For Hair

Best Shopping Mall for Families
 1st Market Mall
 Honourable Mention Southcenter Mall
 Honourable Mention Chinook Centre

Best Place to Buy School Supplies
 1st Walmart
 Honourable Mention Staples
 Honourable Mention The Real Canadian Superstore

Best Family Photographer
 1st Sears Photography
 Honourable Mention The Real Canadian Superstore
 Honourable Mention kidsphoto Canada

Best Pet Shop
 1st Petland
 Honourable Mention PetSmart
 Honourable Mention Pisces Pet Emporium

Best Shoe Store
 1st The Shoe Company
 Honourable Mention Payless ShoeSource
 Honourable Mention Shoolligans

Best Sporting Goods Store

1st SportChek
Honourable Mention Canadian Tire
Honourable Mention Mountain Equipment Co-op

Best Toy Store

1st Toys "R" Us
Honourable Mention Gracie & Gruff Fine Toys
Honourable Mention Castle Toys

Best Video Store

1st Blockbuster Video
Honourable Mention Rogers Video
Honourable Mention Calgary Public Library

Best Children's Gift Store

1st Toys "R" Us
Honourable Mention Bug & Blossom
Honourable Mention Scholar's Choice

AND FINALLY...

Best Place to Take Your Kids on a Crummy Day

1st Calgary Science Centre
Honourable Mention Coffee & S'cream
Honourable Mention Stir Crazy Family Fun Centre

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