



The Winners of The 2008 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 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 12th annual. Ballots were distributed in the November/December-2007 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 the Lindberg family, our winners of the fabulous night at the Sheraton Suites Eau Claire. Thank you to everyone who voted and sent us such wonderful feedback.

Congratulations to all the winners!

ACTIVITIES

Best Tourist/Family Attraction

- 1st Calgary Zoo & Botanical Gardens
- Honourable Mention Calaway Park
- Honourable Mention Heritage Park

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 Exhibition & Stampede
- Honourable Mention 4th Street Lilac Festival

Best Halloween Event

- 1st Calgary Zoo – Boo at the Zoo
- Honourable Mention Heritage Park – After Dark
- Honourable Mention Butterfield Acres Children's Farm – Pumpkin Hunts

Best Christmas Event

- 1st Calgary Zoo – Zoolights
- Honourable Mention Heritage Park – 12 Days of Christmas
- Honourable Mention Airdrie Festival of Lights

Best Preschooler Programs

- 1st The City of Calgary Recreation
- Honourable Mention Gymboree Play & Music
- Honourable Mention YMCA Calgary

Best Programs for School Age Children

- 1st The City of Calgary Recreation
- Honourable Mention YMCA Calgary
- Honourable Mention Canada Olympic Park

Best Teen Programs

- 1st The City of Calgary Recreation
- Honourable Mention YMCA Calgary
- Honourable Mention (Tie) Canada Olympic Park/Cardel Place

Best Children's Day Camp

- 1st YMCA Calgary
- Honourable Mention The City of Calgary Recreation
- Honourable Mention Annabell's Attic

Best Children's Residential Camp

- 1st YMCA – Camp Chief Hector
- Honourable Mention Girl Guides
- Honourable Mention Tim Hortons Camp

Best Ski Area in Alberta

- 1st Canada Olympic Park
- Honourable Mention Sunshine Village
- Honourable Mention Lake Louise

Best Swimming Pool

- 1st The City of Calgary Recreation
- Honourable Mention The City of Calgary Southland Leisure Centre
- Honourable Mention Cardel Place

Best Family Fitness Facility

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

Best Live Theatre Company

- 1st StoryBook Theatre
- Honourable Mention Loose Moose Theatre Company
- Honourable Mention Theatre Calgary

Best Movie Theatre

- 1st Scotiabank Theatre Chinook
- Honourable Mention Sunridge Spectrum Cinemas
- Honourable Mention Empire Studio 16 (Country Hills)

Best Museum

- 1st Glenbow Museum
- Honourable Mention TELUS World of Science
- Honourable Mention Royal Tyrrell Museum

BIRTHDAY PARTIES

Best Place to Have a Children's Party

- 1st Chuck E. Cheese's
- Honourable Mention The Urban Treehouse
- Honourable Mention Coffee & S'cream

Best Entertainment for a Children's Party

- 1st Annabell's Attic
- Honourable Mention Enchanted Events
- Honourable Mention Dream a Theme Party

Best Birthday Cakes

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

FOOD & GROCERY

Best Grocery Store

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

Best Ice Cream Store

- 1st Marble Slab Creamery
- Honourable Mention Dairy Queen
- Honourable Mention My Favourite Ice Cream Shoppe

Best Natural Foods Store

- 1st Community Natural Foods
- Honourable Mention Planet Organic
- Honourable Mention Amaranth Whole Foods

Best Fast Food

- 1st McDonald's
- Honourable Mention Wendy's
- Honourable Mention Subway

Best Drive-Thru

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

Best Pizza

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

Best Children's Menu

- 1st Boston Pizza
- Honourable Mention Montana's Restaurant
- Honourable Mention Denny's

Best Restaurant for Parent's Night Out

- 1st The Keg Steak House & Bar
- Honourable Mention Joey Tomato's Mediterranean Grill
- Honourable Mention Earls

TRAVEL

Best Travel Agency

- 1st Alberta Motor Association (AMA) Travel
- Honourable Mention Calgary Co-op Travel
- Honourable Mention Sears Travel

Best Hotel/Motel

- 1st Sheraton Suites Eau Claire
- Honourable Mention Delta Hotels
- Honourable Mention Best Western Hotels

HEALTH SERVICES

Pharmacy

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

SUPPORT & EDUCATION

Best Preschool

- 1st Edelweiss Preparatory School
- Honourable Mention Campus Preschool
- Honourable Mention Apple Tree Preschool

Best Tutor

- 1st Sylvan Learning Centre
- Honourable Mention Oxford Learning
- Honourable Mention Kumon Math and Reading Centres

Best Playgroup

- 1st PACT – Parents and Children Together
- Honourable Mention Gymboree Play & Music
- Honourable Mention Calgarymoms.com

Best Parent Support Group

- 1st PACT – Parents and Children Together
- Honourable Mention Gymboree Play & Music
- Honourable Mention Calgarymoms.com

Best Child Care Facility

- 1st YMCA Calgary
- Honourable Mention Panda Child Development Centres
- Honourable Mention Kids & Company

SHOPPING

Best Children's Clothing Store

- 1st The Children's Place
- Honourable Mention Old Navy
- Honourable Mention Gymboree

Best Place for Maternity Wear

- 1st Thyme Maternity
- Honourable Mention Old Navy
- Honourable Mention Motherhood Maternity

Best Place for Baby Supplies

- 1st Wal-Mart
- Honourable Mention Real Canadian Superstore
- Honourable Mention Toys R Us

Best Second Hand Clothing Store

- 1st Once Upon a Child
- Honourable Mention Cater Tot Consignment
- Honourable Mention HuckleBerry Kids

Best Children's Furniture Store

- 1st IKEA
- Honourable Mention e-children
- Honourable Mention Kacz' Kids

Best Children's Bookstore

- 1st Chapters/Indigo/Coles
- Honourable Mention Monkeyshines Children's Books
- Honourable Mention McNally Robinson Booksellers

Best Place for Children's Haircuts

- 1st Beaners Fun Cuts for Kids
- Honourable Mention First Choice Haircutters
- Honourable Mention Great Clips for Hair

Best Shopping Mall for Families

- 1st Market Mall
- Honourable Mention Chinook Centre
- Honourable Mention Southcentre Mall

Best Place to Buy School Supplies

- 1st Wal-Mart
- Honourable Mention Staples Business Depot
- Honourable Mention Real Canadian Superstore

Best Family Photographer

- 1st Sears Portrait Studio
- Honourable Mention Real Canadian Superstore
- Honourable Mention Kristen Shima Photography

Best Pet Shop

- 1st Petland
- Honourable Mention PetSmart
- Honourable Mention Petcetera

Best Shoe Store

- 1st Payless ShoeSource
- Honourable Mention The Shoe Company
- Honourable Mention Brown's Shoe Shops

Best Sporting Goods Store

- 1st SportChek
- Honourable Mention SportMart
- Honourable Mention Sport Swap

Best Toy Store

- 1st Toys R Us
- Honourable Mention Wal-Mart
- Honourable Mention Gracie & Gruff

Best Video Store

- 1st Blockbuster
- Honourable Mention Rogers Video
- Honourable Mention VHQ Entertainment

AND FINALLY...

Best Place to Take Your Kids on a Cummy Day

- 1st TELUS World of Science
- Honourable Mention The Urban Treehouse
- Honourable Mention Coffee & S'cream ♥