

# The Winners of the 2014 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 18th 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 ..... Calaway Park  
Honourable Mention ..... Heritage Park Historical Village

## Best Family Fun Location

1st ..... Calgary Corn Maze & Fun Farm  
Honourable Mention ..... Butterfield Acres Farm  
Honourable Mention ..... TommyKplay!

## Best Festival

1st ..... Calgary Stampede  
Honourable Mention ..... Calgary International  
Children's Festival  
Honourable Mention ..... GlobalFest

## Best Halloween Event

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

## Best Christmas Event

1st ..... Calgary Zoo – Zoolights  
Honourable Mention ..... Heritage Park Historical Village –  
Once Upon a Christmas  
Honourable Mention ..... Airdrie Festival of Lights

## Best Preschooler Programs

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

## Best Programs for School Age Children

1st ..... McDonald Wilson  
Dance Academy  
Honourable Mention ..... The City of Calgary Recreation  
Honourable Mention ..... Calgary Gymnastics Centre

## Best Teen Programs

1st ..... The City of Calgary Recreation  
Honourable Mention ..... McDonald Wilson  
Dance Academy  
Honourable Mention ..... YMCA

## Best Children's Day Camp

1st ..... Joso's Play and Learn Centre  
Honourable Mention ..... The City of Calgary Recreation  
Honourable Mention ..... YMCA

## Best Children's Residential Camp

1st ..... YMCA – Camp Chief Hector  
Honourable Mention ..... Kamp Kiwanis  
Honourable Mention ..... Camp Horizon –  
Alberta Easter Seals

## Best Family Ski Area in Alberta

1st ..... WinSport Canada (COP)  
Honourable Mention ..... Nakiska  
Honourable Mention ..... Lake Louise

## Best Swimming Pool

1st ..... Southland Leisure Centre  
Honourable Mention ..... Cardel Place  
Honourable Mention ..... Village Square Leisure Centre

## Best Family Fitness Facility

1st ..... Cardel Place  
Honourable Mention ..... Westside Recreation Centre  
Honourable Mention ..... Southland Leisure Centre

## Best Live Theatre Company

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

## Best Movie Theatre

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

## Best Museum

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 ..... Calgary Zoo  
Honourable Mention ..... Calgary Gymnastics Centre  
Honourable Mention ..... Stir Crazy Family Fun Centre

## Best Entertainment for a Children's Party

1st ..... Butterfield Acres Farm  
Honourable Mention ..... Mad Science  
Honourable Mention ..... Christopher Cool Productions

## Best Birthday Cakes

1st ..... Dairy Queen  
Honourable Mention ..... Crave Cookies and Cupcakes  
Honourable Mention ..... Calgary Co-op

## Best Grocery Store

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

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

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

**Best Fast Food/Drive-Thru**  
 1st ..... Peters' Drive-In  
 Honourable Mention ..... McDonald's  
 Honourable Mention ..... Tim Hortons

**Best Pizza**  
 1st ..... Boston Pizza  
 Honourable Mention ..... Panago Pizza  
 Honourable Mention ..... Famoso Neapolitan Pizzeria

**Best Children's Menu**  
 1st ..... Boston Pizza  
 Honourable Mention ..... Montana's Cookhouse  
 Honourable Mention ..... Cora

**Best Restaurant for Parent's Night Out**  
 1st ..... The Keg Steakhouse & Bar  
 Honourable Mention ..... NOtaBLE The Restaurant  
 Honourable Mention ..... Earls Kitchen + Bar

**Best Pharmaceutical/Advice**  
 1st ..... Shoppers Drug Mart  
 Honourable Mention ..... Health Link Alberta  
 Honourable Mention ..... Safeway

**Best Preschool**  
 1st ..... Joso's Play and Learn Centre  
 Honourable Mention ..... Kaleidoscope Kids Preschool  
 Honourable Mention ..... Kinderhouse Preschool

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

**Best Playgroup**  
 1st ..... Gymboree Play & Music of Calgary  
 Honourable Mention ..... Brilliant Beginnings  
 Honourable Mention ..... Joso's Play & Learn Centre

**Best Parent Support Group**  
 1st TIE ..... Alberta Health Services  
 1st TIE ..... Calgary Family Services  
 Honourable Mention ..... Brilliant Beginnings  
 Honourable Mention ..... momstown Calgary

**Best Child Care Facility**  
 1st ..... Joso's Play and Learn Centre  
 Honourable Mention ..... Kids & Company  
 Honourable Mention ..... BrightPath Early Learning & Child Care

**Best Children's Clothing Store/Independent**  
 1st ..... Coco & Charlie Children's Clothing  
 Honourable Mention ..... GravityKidz  
 Honourable Mention ..... Little Footprints

**Best Children's Clothing Store/Chain**  
 1st ..... The Children's Place  
 Honourable Mention ..... Carter's/OshKosh B'gosh  
 Honourable Mention ..... GAP

**Best Place for Maternity Wear**  
 1st ..... Thyme Maternity  
 Honourable Mention ..... Motherhood Maternity  
 Honourable Mention ..... Posh Mommy Maternity & Nursing Boutique

**Best Place for Baby Supplies**  
 1st ..... Babies "R" Us  
 Honourable Mention ..... The Real Canadian Superstore  
 Honourable Mention ..... Walmart

**Best Second Hand Clothing Store**  
 1st ..... Once Upon A Child  
 Honourable Mention ..... Value Village  
 Honourable Mention ..... Sproutz Kidz

**Best Children's Furniture Store**  
 1st ..... IKEA  
 Honourable Mention ..... West Coast Kids (E-Children)  
 Honourable Mention ..... Babies "R" Us/Toys "R" Us

**Best Children's Bookstore**  
 1st ..... Indigo, Chapters and Coles  
 Honourable Mention ..... Scholastic Canada  
 Honourable Mention ..... Monkeyshines Children's Books

**Best Place for Children's Haircuts**  
 1st ..... Beaners Fun Cuts for Kids  
 Honourable Mention ..... Melonhead Children's Hair Care  
 Honourable Mention ..... Great Clips

**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

**Best Family Photographer**  
 1st ..... Nicole Halverson Photography  
 Honourable Mention ..... Little Laughs Photography & Digital Art  
 Honourable Mention TIE ..... Carolyn Budreski Photography Inc.  
 Honourable Mention TIE ..... Sweet Ginger Photography

**Best Pet Shop**  
 1st ..... Petland Superstores  
 Honourable Mention ..... Pet Planet  
 Honourable Mention ..... PetSmart

**Best Sporting Goods Store**  
 1st ..... SportChek  
 Honourable Mention ..... Mountain Equipment Co-op  
 Honourable Mention ..... Canadian Tire

**Best Toy Store**  
 1st ..... Toys "R" Us  
 Honourable Mention ..... The Discovery Hut  
 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 ..... Stir Crazy Family Fun Centre