

The Winners of the 2010 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 14th annual. Ballots were distributed in the November-December-2009 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 & Botanical Gardens
Honourable Mention Heritage Park
Honourable Mention Calaway 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 4th Street Lilac Festival
Honourable Mention Calgary Exhibition & Stampede

Best Halloween Event

1st Calgary Zoo – Boo at the Zoo
Honourable Mention Gymboree Play & Music of Calgary
Honourable Mention Butterfield Acres Farm – Pumpkin Hunts

Best Christmas Event

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

Best Preschooler Programs

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

Best Programs for School Age Children

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

Best Teen Programs

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

Best Children's Day Camp

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

Best Children's Residential Camp

1st YMCA - Camp Chief Hector
Honourable Mention Camp Cadicasu
Honourable Mention Kamp Kiwanis Calgary

Best Family Ski Area in Alberta

1st WinSport Canada (COP)
Honourable Mention Sunshine Village
Honourable Mention Nakiska

Best Swimming Pool

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

Best Family Fitness Facility

1st Cardel Place
Honourable Mention YMCA Calgary
Honourable Mention The City of Calgary – 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 Scotiabank Theatre Chinook
Honourable Mention Canyon Meadows Cinemas
Honourable Mention Sunridge Spectrum 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 Chuck E. Cheese's
Honourable Mention Gymboree Play & Music of Calgary
Honourable Mention The Urban Treehouse

Best Entertainment for a Children's Party

1st Annabell's Attic
Honourable Mention Calgary Reptile Parties
Honourable Mention Gymboree Play & Music of Calgary

Best Birthday Cakes

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

Best Party Supply Store

1st Dollarama
Honourable Mention Canuck Amusements
Honourable Mention Michaels

FOOD & GROCERY

Best Grocery Store

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

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Best Ice Cream Store

1st Marble Slab Creamery
 Honourable Mention Dairy Queen
 Honourable Mention MacKay's Cochrane Ice Cream Ltd.

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
 Honourable Mention Subway

Best Drive-Thru

1st Peters' Drive In
 Honourable Mention McDonald's
 Honourable Mention Wendy's

Best Pizza

1st Boston Pizza
 Honourable Mention Panago Pizza
 Honourable Mention Pizza 73

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 Steak House & Bar
 Honourable Mention Redwater Rustic Grille
 Honourable Mention Earls

TRAVEL**Best Travel Agency**

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

Best Hotel/Motel

1st Delta Lodge at Kananaskis
 Honourable Mention Sheraton Suites Eau Claire
 Honourable Mention (tie) Hyatt Regency
 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 Kaleidoscope Kids Preschool
 Honourable Mention Campus Pre-School

Best Tutor

1st Tutor Doctor
 Honourable Mention Sylvan Learning Centre
 Honourable Mention Oxford Learning Centre

Best Playgroup

1st Gymboree Play & Music of Calgary
 Honourable Mention PACT, A Program of FESA
 Honourable Mention Room To Grow

Best Parent Support Group

1st PACT, A Program of FESA
 Honourable Mention Families Matter
 Honourable Mention Parent Link Centre

Best Child Care Facility

1st YMCA Calgary
 Honourable Mention Kids & Company
 Honourable Mention Cardel Place

SHOPPING**Best Children's Clothing Store**

1st The Children's Place
 Honourable Mention GAP
 Honourable Mention Gymboree

Best Place for Maternity Wear

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

Best Place for Baby Supplies

1st Walmart Canada
 Honourable Mention Babies "R" Us
 Honourable Mention bo bébé

Best Second Hand Clothing Store

1st Once Upon a Child North
 1st Once Upon a Child South
 Honourable Mention Huckleberry Kids
 Honourable Mention Sproutz Kidz

Best Children's Furniture Store

1st IKEA
 Honourable Mention e-children
 Honourable Mention Toys "R" Us

Best Children's Bookstore

1st Chapters/Indigo/Coles
 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 Haircare
 Honourable Mention Great Clips for Hair

Best Shopping Mall for Families

1st Market Mall
 Honourable Mention Southcentre Mall
 Honourable Mention Chinook Center Mall

Best Place to Buy School Supplies

1st Walmart Canada
 Honourable Mention Staples Business Depot
 Honourable Mention The Real Canadian Superstore

Best Family Photographer

1st Shima Studios
 Honourable Mention kidsphoto
 Honourable Mention (tie) Life Photo Studios

Best Pet Shop

1st Petland
 Honourable Mention PetSmart
 Honourable Mention Pisces Pet Emporium

Best Shoe Store

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

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Best Sporting Goods Store

1st. Sport Chek
Honourable Mention Bass Pro Shops
Honourable Mention..... SportMart

Best Toy Store

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

Best Video Store

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

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 The Urban Treehouse
Honourable Mention..... Coffee & S'Cream

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