

# The Winners of the 2015 Calgary's Child Magazine's Parents' Choice Awards



**W**ho 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 19th 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 ..... Calaway Park

## Best Family Fun Location

1st ..... Calgary Corn Maze & Fun Farm  
Honourable Mention ..... Butterfield Acres Farm  
Honourable Mention ..... Cobb's Corn Maze & Family Fun Park

## 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 ..... 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 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 ..... Cardel Place  
Honourable Mention ..... WinSport's Canada Olympic Park

## Best Teen Programs

1st ..... The City of Calgary Recreation  
Honourable Mention ..... WinSport's Canada Olympic Park  
Honourable Mention ..... Cardel Place

## Best Children's Day Camp

1st ..... The City of Calgary Recreation  
Honourable Mention ..... University of Calgary Kinesiology  
Honourable Mention ..... Atlantis Programs Inc. & Pedalheads

## Best Children's Residential/Sleep-Away Camp

1st ..... YMCA – Camp Chief Hector  
Honourable Mention ..... Kamp Kiwanis  
Honourable Mention ..... Camp Chestermere

## Best Family Ski Area in Alberta

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

## 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 ..... Loose Moose Theatre Company  
Honourable Mention ..... Stage West For Kids

## Best Movie Theatre

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

## Best Museum

1st ..... Royal Tyrrell Museum  
Honourable Mention ..... TELUS Spark  
Honourable Mention ..... Heritage Park Historical Village

## Best Place to Have a Children's Party

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

## Best In-Home Party Entertainment

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

## Best Birthday Cakes

1st ..... Crave Cookies and Cupcakes  
Honourable Mention ..... Cakeworks  
Honourable Mention ..... Glamorgan Bakery

## Best Grocery Store

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

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**Best Ice Cream Store**

1st. .... Marble Slab Creamery  
 Honourable Mention ..... Dairy Queen  
 Honourable Mention ..... My Favorite Ice Cream Shoppe

**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 Family Dining**

1st. .... Boston Pizza  
 Honourable Mention ..... Montana's  
 Honourable Mention ..... Swiss Chalet Rotisserie & Grill

**Best Restaurant for Parent's Night Out**

1st. .... The Keg Steakhouse & Bar  
 Honourable Mention ..... NOtAble The Restaurant  
 Honourable Mention ..... Redwater Rustic Grille

**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 & Learn Centre  
 Honourable Mention ..... Calgary Outdoor Playgroups - Family Adventures in the Canadian Rockies

**Best Parent Support Group**

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

**Best Child Care Service**

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

**Best Children's New Clothing Store (Independently Owned)**

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

**Best Children's New Clothing Store (Chain)**

1st. .... The Children's Place  
 Honourable Mention ..... Real Canadian Superstore - Joe Fresh  
 Honourable Mention ..... GAP

**Best Second Hand Clothing Store**

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

**Best Place for Maternity Wear**

1st. .... Thyme Maternity  
 Honourable Mention ..... Motherhood Maternity  
 Honourable Mention ..... Baby & Me Maternity

**Best Place for Baby Supplies**

1st. .... Babies "R" Us/Toys "R" Us  
 Honourable Mention ..... Walmart  
 Honourable Mention ..... Real Canadian Superstore

**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 Childrens Books

**Best Place for Children's Haircuts**

1st. .... Beaners Fun Cuts for Kids  
 Honourable Mention ..... Melonhead Children's Hair Care  
 Honourable Mention ..... Chatters Hair Salon

**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 ..... Real Canadian Superstore

**Best Family Photographer**

1st. .... Nicole Halverson Photography  
 Honourable Mention ..... Deanna Mae Photography  
 Honourable Mention ..... Light on Paper Family & Lifestyle Photography

**Best Pet Shop**

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

**Best Sporting Goods Store**

1st. .... SportChek  
 Honourable Mention ..... Mountain Equipment Co-op (MEC)  
 Honourable Mention ..... Canadian Tire

**Best Toy Store**

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  
 Honourable Mention ..... TommyKplay!  
 Honourable Mention TIE ..... Calgary Zoo  
 Honourable Mention TIE ..... Stir Crazy Family Fun Centre