

The Winners of the 2018 Calgary's Child Magazine's Parents' Choice Awards



The results are in! Who has the best products, services, and experiences in Calgary? 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 22nd annual. Our readers were invited to vote online at calgaryschild.com for their family favorites in 36 categories. The response was phenomenal. Thank you to everyone who voted and sent us such wonderful feedback. We have tallied your votes - here are your 2018 Calgary's Child Parents' Choice Award Winners!

Best Tourist/Family Attraction

Winner Calgary Zoo
Honourable Mention Heritage Park Historical Village
Honourable Mention Calaway Park

Best Family Fun Location

Winner Calgary Corn Maze & Fun Farm
Honourable Mention Butterfield Acres Farm
Honourable Mention Treehouse Indoor Playground & Cafe

Best Annual Festival

Winner Calgary Stampede
Honourable Mention Beakerhead
Honourable Mention Calgary International Children's Festival

Best Halloween Event

Winner Calgary Corn Maze & Fun Farm - Autumn Pumpkin Festival
Honourable Mention Heritage Park Historical Village - Ghouls' Night Out
Honourable Mention TELUS Spark Monster Mash-up

Best Christmas Event

Winner Calgary Zoo - Zoolights
Honourable Mention Heritage Park Historical Village - Once Upon a Christmas
Honourable Mention Spruce Meadows - The International Christmas Market

Best Extracurricular Programs for Preschoolers

Winner Calgary Public Library
Honourable Mention The City of Calgary Recreation
Honourable Mention Gymboree Play & Music

Best Programs for School-Aged Children

Winner The City of Calgary Recreation
Honourable Mention WinSport
Honourable Mention YMCA

Best Programs for Teens

Winner WinSport
Honourable Mention The City of Calgary Recreation
Honourable Mention YMCA

Best Children's Day Camp

Winner Pedalheads Bike Camps
Honourable Mention WinSport
Honourable Mention The City of Calgary Recreation

Best Children's Residential/Sleep-Away Camp

Winner Camp Cadicasu
Honourable Mention Camp Chestermere
Honourable Mention YMCA - Camp Chief Hector

Best Swimming Pool

Winner Southland Leisure Centre
Honourable Mention Westside Recreation Centre
Honourable Mention Vecova Recreation Centre

Best Family Fitness Facility

Winner Westside Recreation Centre
Honourable Mention VIVO, for Healthier Generations
Honourable Mention Southland Leisure Centre

Best Live Theatre Group for Families

Winner StoryBook Theatre
Honourable Mention Jubilations Dinner Theatre
Honourable Mention Loose Moose Theatre Company

Best Museum for Families

Winner Royal Tyrrell Museum
Honourable Mention TELUS Spark
Honourable Mention Heritage Park Historical Village

Best Place to Have a Children's Party

Winner Flying Squirrel Sports
Honourable Mention Calgary Zoo
Honourable Mention Joso's Play and Learn Centres

Best In-Home Party Entertainment

Winner Mad Science of Southern Alberta
Honourable Mention Butterfield Acres Farm
Honourable Mention Christopher Cool Productions

Best Grocery Store

Winner Real Canadian Superstore
Honourable Mention Calgary Co-op
Honourable Mention Sobeys

Best Ice Cream Store

Winner Village Ice Cream
Honourable Mention Marble Slab Creamery
Honourable Mention My Favorite Ice Cream Shoppe

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Best Natural Foods Store

Winner Community Natural Foods
 Honourable Mention Planet Organic Market
 Honourable Mention (TIE) Sunterra Market and
 Amaranth Whole Foods Market

Best Farmers Market

Winner Calgary Farmers' Market
 Honourable Mention Crossroads Market
 Honourable Mention Symons Valley Ranch Farmers'
 Market

Best Family Dining

Winner Boston Pizza
 Honourable Mention Montana's BBQ & Bar
 Honourable Mention Kinjo Sushi & Grill

Best Restaurant for Parent's Night Out

Winner The Keg Steakhouse & Bar
 Honourable Mention Mercato
 Honourable Mention Rouge

Best Preschool, Playschool or Jr. Kindergarten

Winner Kaleidoscope Kids Preschool
 Honourable Mention Joso's Play and Learn Centres
 Honourable Mention Edelweiss Preparatory School

Best Tutor/Remedial Support

Winner Kumon
 Honourable Mention Sylvan Learning Centres
 Honourable Mention Calgary Tutoring Centre

Best Parented Playgroup for Children

Winner Gymboree Play & Music
 of Calgary
 Honourable Mention Brilliant Beginnings Educational
 Centre
 Honourable Mention Joso's Play and Learn Centres

Best Parent Support Group

Winner Alberta Health Services -
 Perinatal Services
 Honourable Mention Calgary Family Services
 Parent Link
 Honourable Mention Families Matter

Best Full-Day Child Care Service

Winner Kids & Company
 Honourable Mention Joso's Play and Learn Centres
 Honourable Mention BrightPath Early Learning

Best Children's New Clothing Store (Independently Owned)

Winner Kacz' Kids
 Honourable Mention Great Outdoors Jr. Outfitters
 Honourable Mention Little Footprints

Best Second-Hand Children's Clothing Store

Winner Once Upon A Child (North)
 Honourable Mention Once Upon A Child (South)
 Honourable Mention Value Village

Best Place for Baby Supplies & Furniture (Independently Owned)

Winner Westcoast Kids
 Honourable Mention Kacz' Kids
 Honourable Mention Babes in Arms

Best Place for Children's Haircuts

Winner Beaners Fun Cuts for Kids
 Honourable Mention Melonhead Children's Hair Care
 Honourable Mention Tommy Gun's Original
 Barbershop

Best Shopping Mall for Families

Winner CF Market Mall
 Honourable Mention CrossIron Mills
 Honourable Mention Southcentre Mall

Best Pet Supplies (Independently Owned)

Winner Pisces Pet Emporium
 Honourable Mention Paws Pet Food & Accessories
 Honourable Mention Fairplay Stores

Best Toy & Game Store (Independently Owned)

Winner The Discovery Hut
 Honourable Mention Mastermind Toys
 Honourable Mention Castle Toys

Best Accessible/Inclusive Experience for Kids with Special Needs

Winner Calgary Zoo
 Honourable Mention Calaway Park
 Honourable Mention (TIE) Canyon Meadows Cinema
 and Southcentre Mall

Best Place to Take Your Kids on a Crummy Day

Winner TELUS Spark
 Honourable Mention Hide N Seek Indoor Playground
 Honourable Mention Treehouse Indoor Playground
 & Cafe

Congratulations to all this year's
 winners and nominees!



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