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**F**or the staff at Parenting Orange County September means one thing and one thing only, and inside our Anaheim Hills offices, we are buzzing with excitement and barely able to contain the big news. At last, after months of counting votes (twice), collecting quotes and gathering pics, we can shout it out. It's time to announce the winners of the Annual Parenting OC Reader's Choice Awards! Over 39,799 votes were cast in across 89 categories, resulting in this one-of-a-kind annual directory

from moms and dads of Parenting OC. From kid's menu to carousel, from dance studio to skate park, from parent's night out to kid's playground, we present the final ballot results, the tot-tested, parent-approved, highest-rated family faves from all over OC. In this print edition, we feature winners in 89 categories, and on [www.ParentingOC.com](http://www.ParentingOC.com) you can see the complete list. Thank you to everyone who voted for making this issue possible.

— The Editors





# KIDS PLAY



## BEST OVERNIGHT CAMP Camp Scherman Girl Scouts Camp



700 acres of wilderness in the San Jacinto Mountains serve as a backdrop for this idyllic Girl Scouts of Orange County camp. “Getting connected” takes on new meaning as tech devices and the virtual world give way to the simpler charms of singing around the campfire with friends or gazing at the stars in the night sky.

[www.girlscoutsoc.org/camp](http://www.girlscoutsoc.org/camp)



## BEST GYMNASTICS CLASS SCATS

*Debut Winner*

“We pride ourselves on building the confidence, fitness and self-esteem of every student, and most importantly to give kids an enriching and fun learning experience they’ll value and cherish even beyond their childhood years. While no two students are identical in their goals, abilities and optimal ways of learning, it is our belief that every child is a champion.” — SCATS

[www.scatsgymnastics.com](http://www.scatsgymnastics.com)



## BEST SPORTS PROGRAM AYSO



“AYSO (American Youth Soccer Organization) is a program that is run at the local level 100% by volunteers, so it is especially gratifying that their efforts are recognized!” — *AYSO, Section 1*

[www.ayso.org](http://www.ayso.org)

“AYSO soccer is a great chance for our whole family to get together and celebrate a healthy lifestyle!” — *Eulynn Gargano, Reader*



## BEST DANCE STUDIO Freckled Frog



“Build confidence! Have fun! Make Friends! Be Positive! Believe all things are possible!” With goals like those, it’s no surprise that this much-loved studio raises the bar for a wholesome environment for little hoofers from the age of two and up. Parents can even take advantage of the “Parents Night Out” program to put a little spring back in their two-step.

[www.freckledfroglearningcenter.com](http://www.freckledfroglearningcenter.com)

“They have a wonderful group of instructors who are very caring and patient with the little dancers. I am so delighted to see my daughter come out of her shell when she steps onto the dance floor, and I have them to thank for that.” — *Maria Garcia, Reader*