

Ballet troupe plans 'Jungle Book' events

In recognition of national Turn Off the TV Week, the Ventura County Ballet Company will host family-friendly events Sunday and Wednesday.

The troupe will host a Jungle Book Tea from 1 to 3 p.m. Sunday at Wedgewood Banquet Center, 5880 Olivas Park Drive, Ventura.

Parents and kids can enjoy treats, crafts, a boutique, hair and makeup station, raffles, a reading from Rudyard Kipling's "The Jungle Book" and an etiquette lesson from Princess Peacock.

Dancers will perform excerpts from the ballet.

On Wednesday, the company will host Jungle Book Story Time from 4 to 5 p.m. at Barnes & Noble, 4820 Telephone Road in Ventura.

Princess Peacock will read excerpts of "The Jungle Book" in the children's area.

Children can also participate in jungle-themed crafts and interact with their favorite "Jungle Book" characters.

The story time is free. Tea tickets are \$35.

Proceeds will benefit performances of "The Jungle Book" May 21-22 at the Oxnard Performing Arts Center.

For tickets or details, call 648-2080 or visit ventura-countyballet.com.