

Example of a Media Advisory
Ukrainian Scouts in DMV to Help Ukraine

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Washington, D.C.—The Ukrainian Girl and Boy Scouts of Plast—an international Ukrainian scouting organization—are compiling pocket first aid kits (PFAKs) this Saturday at [Westland Middle School](#) in Bethesda, MD at 1 PM EST. Media are invited to attend the event.

The goal of this Saturday’s packing project is to prepare 1,000-1,500 kits to be shipped to Ukraine. Medical supplies are now difficult to come by in Ukraine and having basic PFAKs in the hands of common civilians could save hundreds or thousands of lives.

This is part of a larger effort by [Plast USA](#) to send support to those impacted by the war in Ukraine. In addition to packing and sending PFAKs, Plast is raising money for humanitarian aid and recently filled a donated plane with critical medical supplies for the wounded in Ukraine. Ukrainian scouts in Europe and Ukraine are part of the supply pipeline feeding this aid into Ukraine. Plast USA’s sister organization, [Plast Ukraine](#), is providing food and medical supplies to displaced persons, as well as to the territorial defense units. They have a well-established distribution network of 42 hubs that can quickly adapt to changing conditions in Ukraine.

Plast Ukraine, has over 10,000 members, of which 4,000 are military age. As of March 8th, 700 Plast members have joined the Ukrainian military and 1,000 joined in territorial defense. The first scout in the armed forces was killed on March 5. He was 19 years old.

Girl and Boy Scouts participating in Saturday’s packing project are part of [Plast DC](#) (a chapter of Plast USA). The group includes Ukrainian and Ukrainian-American children and adults in the District of Columbia, Maryland, and Virginia area. Plast is a Ukrainian Scouting organization formed in 1911. Unlike most scouting organizations in the world, where membership is limited to children and young adults, membership in Plast is lifelong. Scouting was banned in Ukraine under the Soviet Union. However, it existed in exile and flourishes around the world today.

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