

THE FOXHOLE PROJECT

Quarterly Field Report

Q1 2026 | January-March

A Note from the Founder

Q1 was about momentum.

What stood out most wasn't numbers or milestones. It was the steady support we've seen at every Campfire Social. Month after month, people showed up. That matters.

We're starting to see something take shape. Not all at once, but consistently. And that's the point.

The Foxhole Project is a veteran community nonprofit built around connection, shared experience, and people showing up for each other.

We're intentionally starting small. That's not a limitation. That's how you build something people trust.

The foundation is there. The community is forming. And the consistency is starting to pay off.

Going into Q2, we're focused on building our story and helping veterans and their families better understand what this community is about.

Craig Rauwolf

Founder & Executive Director

Outdoor veteran community rooted in shared experience

Q1 Snapshot



3 | Campfire Social Gatherings

17-18 | Average Campfire Attendance

38 | Digital Foxhole (Discord) Members

9+ | Game Nights & Online Meetups

13 | Resource Navigation Conversations

~18 | Volunteer Hours Logged

This is what steady looks like.

Not one big moment. Not one big event.
Just consistent connection, month after month.
People showing up. Conversations happening.
A community taking shape the way it's supposed to.

Campfire Social

Consistency Builds Culture



Each month, we've kept it simple and consistent.

The atmosphere is laid-back. Conversations happen naturally around the fire. It feels like being around people you already trust.

Stories get shared.

People laugh.

Kids play nearby.

S'mores get made.

And when it comes up, people help each other with real-world resources and connections.

That's the point.

These gatherings aren't about programming. They're about creating a space where veterans and families can show up, be themselves, and reconnect with community.

The Digital Foxhole

Our Discord community continues to grow in a steady, intentional way.

Some areas are active daily, especially around gaming and conversation. Others come to life during planned events like game nights and Weekly Rally Points.

How members are using it:

- connecting through games
- staying in conversation between gatherings
- asking for help when they need it
- engaging at their own pace



It's not built for noise. It's built for access.

Retreat Development

Building the Right Way

Q1 brought real progress toward our first Waypoint Retreat.

We finalized the Waypoint Retreat Pilot Proposal and received board approval to move forward with our second waypoint this summer, pending funding from our Annual Fundraiser.

Progress this quarter:

- scoped a potential site
- began conversations with Colorado Parks and Wildlife
- started laying the groundwork for logistics and access

We're not rushing this process.

The goal is to build a retreat experience that reflects the same values as everything else we do: community, shared experience, and doing things the right way from the start.



Community Spotlight

The People Showing Up

This quarter, the spotlight isn't on one person.

It's on the group that continues to show up behind the scenes and around the fire, our Board of Directors.

They're not just names on paper. They're present. They come to Campfire Socials. They spend time with the community. They help shape what this becomes in real time.

The Foxhole Project is growing because it's not being built alone.



Strategic Progress - Building a Strong Foundation

SECTION 1 – ORGANIZATIONAL STRENGTH

Q1 focused heavily on strengthening the organization behind the scenes.

We formalized and adopted key policies to ensure accountability, safety, and long-term sustainability:

Core Policies Established

- Incident Reporting & Response Policy
- Gift Acceptance Policy
- Conflict of Interest Policy
- Risk Management Policy
- Safeguarding & Abuse Prevention Policy
- Code of Conduct Policy
- Board Leave of Absence Policy

Operational Milestones

- implemented improved financial tracking
- filed IRS Form 990-N
- submitted our Colorado Annual Report

These steps aren't always visible, but they are critical to building something that lasts.

SECTION 2 – FUNDING & SUSTAINABILITY

Funding & Sustainability

We made meaningful progress in building diversified funding streams.

Q1 Progress

- launched our Colorado Gives profile
- continued the Foxhole T-Shirt fundraiser
- advanced the Build the Foxhole Scout project
- began pursuing grants with:
 - CHFA
 - El Pomar Foundation
 - Anschutz Family Foundation

We also secured in-kind support from **Lucha's Cantina & Speakeasy**, establishing our first Campfire Sponsor-level partner.

Looking Ahead

The Board approved planning for The Second Annual All-In For Veterans Casino Night (Summer 2026).

These efforts strengthen our ability to support long-term programs like Waypoint Retreats.

What's Ahead - Q2 2026

Q2 is focused on building momentum and expanding our presence.

Continued Consistency

- Campfire Social will remain on the last Friday of each month
- Discord engagement will continue through conversations, game nights, and Weekly Rally Points



Building Toward What's Next

We are preparing for our first Waypoint Retreat later this year while ensuring it is done right.

We are also launching a **Veterans Service Day Project with Great Sand Dunes National Park and Preserve** — bringing veterans together through shared outdoor work and experience.

Fundraising Efforts

- Foxhole T-Shirt Fundraiser
- Build the Foxhole Scout Project
- All-In For Veterans Casino Night

Building Partnerships

We are continuing to build relationships with local businesses and organizations that value veteran-led community.

If your organization values connection, leadership, and shared experience, we invite you to connect with us.



Steady growth. Shared direction. More ahead.

Ways to Support

Join the Digital Foxhole

Stay connected between gatherings.

- conversations
- game nights
- ongoing connection



Join here: <https://tinyurl.com/FoxholeProject>

Support the Mission

Every contribution helps us continue building consistent, community-driven experiences.

Give here: <https://www.coloradogives.org/organization/Foxhole-Project>

Partner With Us

We are building relationships with aligned organizations. If your organization values connection, leadership, and shared experience, we'd welcome the conversation.

Contact: info@thefoxholeproject.org

**Camaraderie doesn't end with service.
We're rebuilding it – one gathering at a time.**