

How to Do A Startup Weekend

of Michigan

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What is it?

- 54 Hours of Unadulterated Company Formation
- Non-Profit Organization in Kansas City
- Funded in Part by The Kauffman Foundation
- Also Funded by Proceeds by the Events
- WorldWide Events
- Designed to Get People Thinking, Not to Create the Next Fortune 500
- Great Exercise (5k for Entrepreneurs)

What Do You Need?

- ► Champion
- Partners
- ► Facilitator
- ► Sponsors
- Space
- ► Timing
- ► Participants
- Enthusiasm
- Passion



What Do You Need?

- Work With StartupWeekend.Org to Pick a Date
- Launch Website: YourCommunity.StartupWeekend.org
- Start Selling Tickets
- Promote, Promote, Promote
- Don't Worry About Not Having 1,000 People
- Partner Up



How Does the Weekend Unfold?

Friday

- Registration and Mingling
- Pizza. Lots of Pizza.
- Quick Introductions and Sponsor Roll
- Pitch Practice (ItsThisForThat.com)
- Real Pitches (1 Minute Each) Everyone Pitches Their Idea
- PostIt Posters on Wall
- Each Attendee Votes with PostIt Notes on Favorite Idea
- Teams Form
- Designers, Developers, Businesspeople, Enthusiasts...

Saturday

- Keep Coding, Keep Designing, Keep Testing
- Breakfast
- Mentors, Support
- Coding, Designing, Testing
- Lunch
- Presenter
- Refine Idea, Market Testing
- Dinner
- Code, Design, Launch Beta
- Test Beta
- Drink Energy Drinks

How Does the Weekend Unfold?

Sunday

- ▶ Finalize Beta and Launch
- Breakfast
- Mentors, Support
- ► Finalize/Updates on Social Media
- Lunch
- Setup and Practice Presentation
- Try to Gain Customers/Clients/Users
- Refine Presentation
- Present
- Awards
- ► Go Home Better People



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