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# Military Legos, Underwear with a Pocket, and Tin Whiskers Beer

Startup Companies Presents at national entrepreneur forum, 1 Million Cups, at James J. Hill Center

SAINT PAUL, Minn. – (August 14, 2014) – The entrepreneurs behind Brickmania, SGDstyle and Tin Whiskers will present at the 1 Million Cups forum on August 20 and August 27 from 9:00 a.m. – 10 a.m. 1 Million Cups is a free program to engage, educate and connect local entrepreneurs with the goal to build a strong startup community over a cup of coffee and a conversation. The program is from 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. and every Wednesday at the James J. Hill Center (80 4th Street West, St Paul). For more information: [stpaul.sites.1millioncups.com](http://stpaul.sites.1millioncups.com)

On August 20<sup>th</sup>, 1 Million Cups welcomes Brickmania and SGDstyle. Brickmania has become known for offering high quality building kits made from genuine LEGO brand parts, but in subjects falling outside the company's official product line at the time of their release. These include medieval and renaissance castles, age of pirates and colonization, and military models from World War I, World War II, and modern warfare. SGDstyle is a woman-owned lifestyle company dedicated to designing, developing and selling innovative, yet beautiful, problem solving clothing and accessories with unique designs and excellent craftsmanship. One of their product lines, UrbanUndercover started with a line of underwear where each pair rolls into a patented pocket. This bundle is easy to throw in your purse, gym bag or luggage. When unfolded, a hidden pocket sits discreetly in the small of your back allowing for a place to stash cash, ID, insulin pumps, wipes, small heating pads and various other necessities.

On August 27<sup>th</sup>, 1 Million Cups welcomes the founders of Tin Whiskers, the new brewery in Saint Paul. As engineers, the great interplay between the art and science of brewing beer was a topic of conversation they could never quite shake.

## ABOUT 1 MILLION CUPS

1 Million cups, developed by the Kauffman Foundation in Kansas City, was created to expand our nation's entrepreneurial network. The rationale is if entrepreneurs share 1 million cups of coffee, magical business outcomes will occur in that community. 1 Million Cups began 18 months ago and is currently in 45 cities around the country. For more information, visit [1millioncups.com](http://1millioncups.com).

The program's model is consistent in each location across the country. Every Wednesday morning, two early-stage startups present their companies through a six-minute presentation to an audience of mentors, advisors, venture capitalists and other entrepreneurs. Once their presentation is finished, they will get the opportunity to field questions from the audience for another 20 minutes.

## ABOUT JAMES J. HILL CENTER

The Center is committed to being an iconic place to learn, convene and connect in – the community, business, the arts, technology, innovation and celebration. Our goal is to provide relevance to the community and to build sustainable and lasting relationships that enable entrepreneurial activities and economic prosperity by encouraging the exchange of

ideas and the pursuit of solutions. The Center has been offering the community access to data and research for over 90 years. It was the goal of James J. Hill that anyone should have access to research and data to help them succeed. The James J. Hill Center has found success in entertainment programs as well – The Real Phonic Radio Hour takes place every 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month. The Real Phonic house band fills the Reading Room with great music with local and national guest artists.

Additional seminars and workshops will be offered on a monthly basis through the Business at the Hill program. Applications are now being accepted for entrepreneurs and business speakers who are looking to share their expertise with budding or startup business owners. For more information for either of these programs as speakers or guests, visit [wwwjjhill.org](http://wwwjjhill.org). To sign up for 1 Million Cups at the James J. Hill Center, visit [stpaul.sites.1millioncups.com](http://stpaul.sites.1millioncups.com).

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