



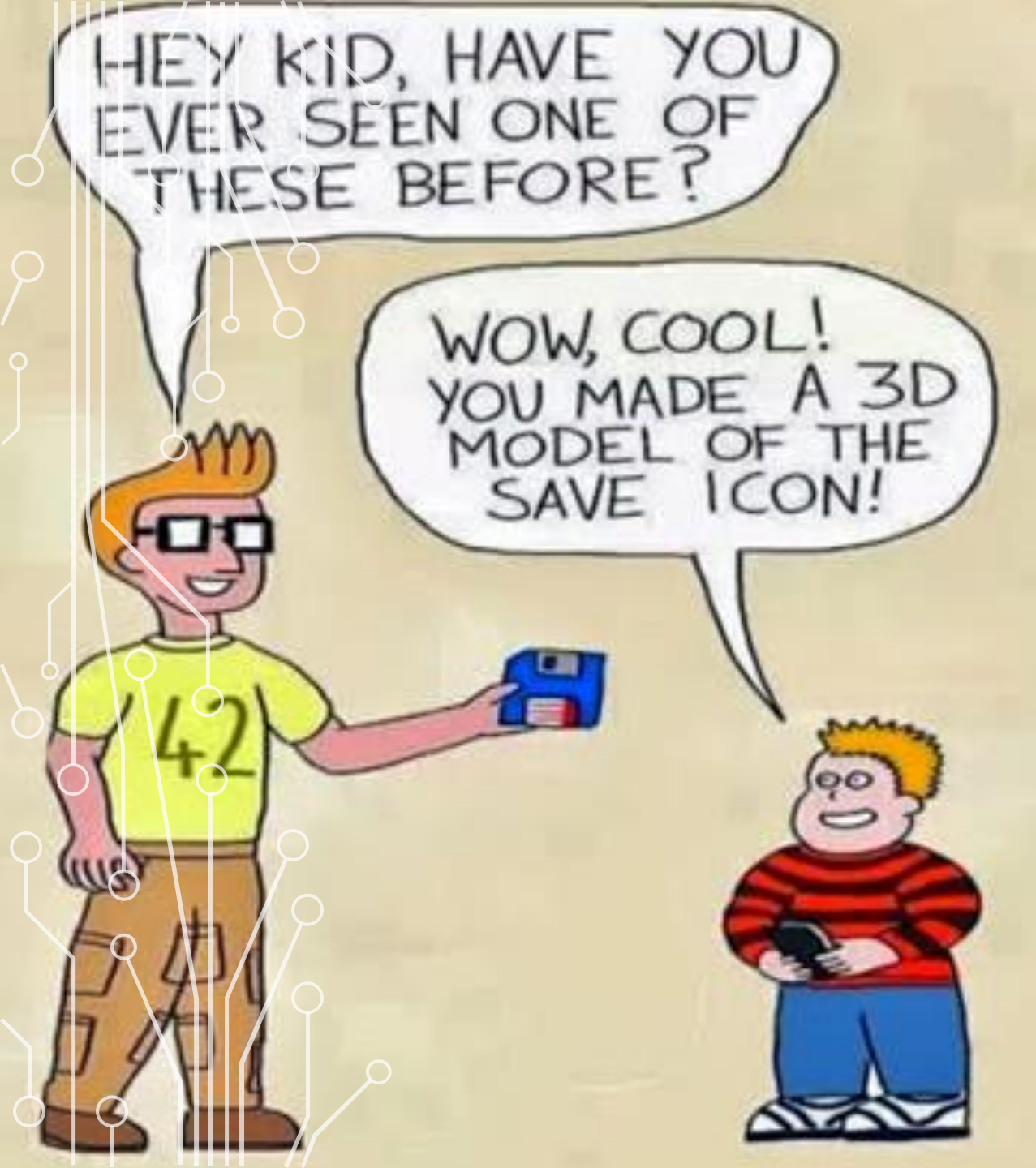
BUILDING A WATER FUTURE: CONNECTING THE DOTS BETWEEN YOUTH & STEWARDSHIP

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- Youth are key stakeholders in our communities
- Youth education is **NOT** just up to classroom teachers or education programs
- We **MUST** engage youth with the outdoors with the goal of creating stewards for the future
- Anyone involved in water in any capacity is needed in engaging youth

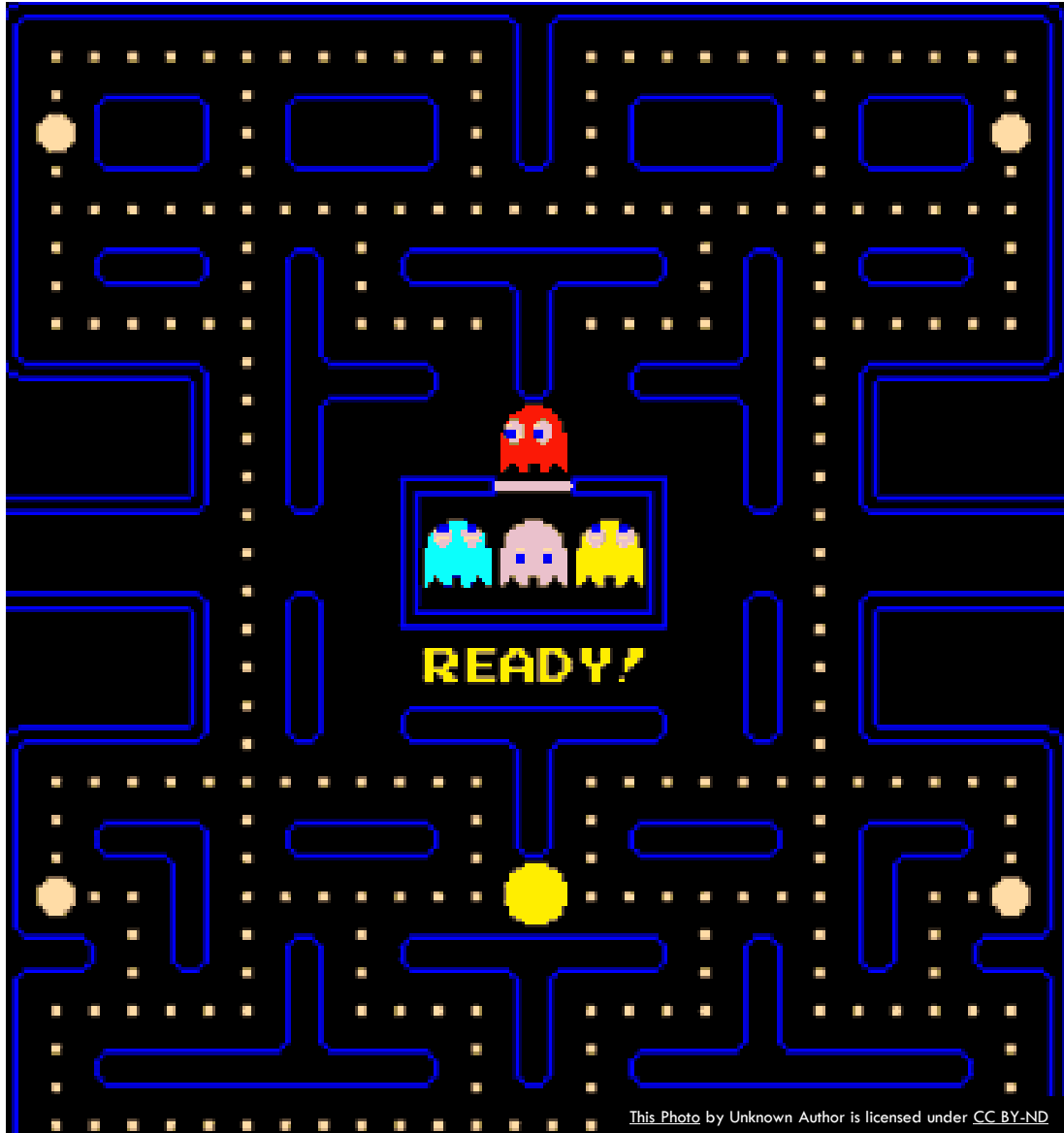


Generational Behaviors & Attitudes Defined by

- TECHNOLOGY
- PARENTS
- ECONOMICS



KID PLAY PAST VS. PRESENT







BRIDGING THE EDUCATION GAP

Barriers

Lack of Opportunity

Lack of Knowledge/Experience



Oh god, youths.

Circles of Influence

Gateways

Existing Outreach Avenues



TIPS & TRICKS

- Unstructured discussion and activities
- Space to ask questions and try creative approaches with structured activities
- Access your “inner kid”



FINAL THOUGHTS

- Kids WANT to make a difference
- “Grasshopper” moments can’t be engineered, enjoy them when they happen!
- Kids haven’t REALLY changed in the past 50 years