

Building Successful

TEEN

Advisory Boards

with partnerships



WELCOME!

I'm Becky Ruberg and I'll be sharing what has worked for our Teen Advisory Board for the last 10 years. I don't claim to have all the answers, this is just what has worked for us.



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Teen Advisory Boards

Are usually a small tight knit bunch of nerdy kids, may or may not show up, minimal involvement. (Or at least ours used to be like this) We are still tight knit, still nerdy...



OUR HISTORY

Life BT (Before TICOS)

I planned & ran meetings

Teens inconsistent

Snacks... Lots of snacks

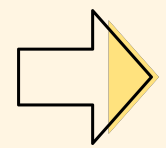
**No connections outside of our
little group**





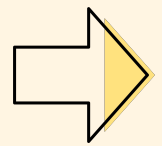
TICOS:

The Origin Story



The club with the weird name

Teens Inspiring Change,
Optimism, & Service



“No, we don’t have TACOS tonight”



Unless it is in a Network Nirvana Minecraft world



Why Partnerships?



Advantages

1. Organization
2. Leadership Opportunities Local, State, International)
3. Financial Backing
4. Most communities have a service club
5. Recognized by colleges as an organization
6. Connections with teens all over the state

Disadvantages

1. Extra time for leaders (zoom meetings, record keeping, etc)
2. Summer Holidays can be busy
3. Travel (My workaround)
4. You need to join the adult club
5. Flags on Veterans Day are just terrible.



Practical Stuff

Getting Started

- Approval by Library Director
- Approval of Library Board
- Decide how money will be handled
- Launch meeting
- You will need to join the adult club
- Club Dues

Year at a Glance

- Year usually starts in Fall with extra paperwork
- Quarterly meeting via Zoom
- Conference in March
- State Officers elected in March
- Voting for next year's officer in Spring
- Summer Outreach Event

Keeping it Going

- Each teen is responsible to replace themselves
- All volunteers wanting to help with events must join
- Leaders/Team plan and run meetings.
- Teens plan fun events.
- Summer Outreach
- Fall Kick off



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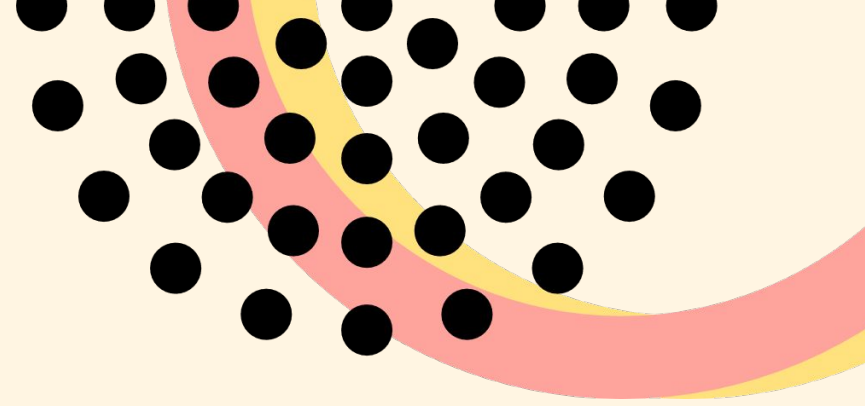
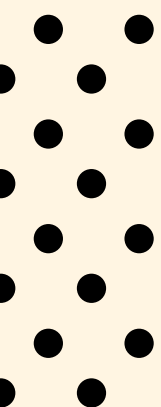
Our Projects



**Free Little
Library
with I-Spy
Decals**



Food Pantry Project with Post Office







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The Flag Route

**5 Federal
Holidays^c**

Dawn & Dusk

**\$800
per year**




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Other Projects

Pop Machine
Volunteering
Picnics

Hygiene kits
Teen Job Fair
Trick or Treat

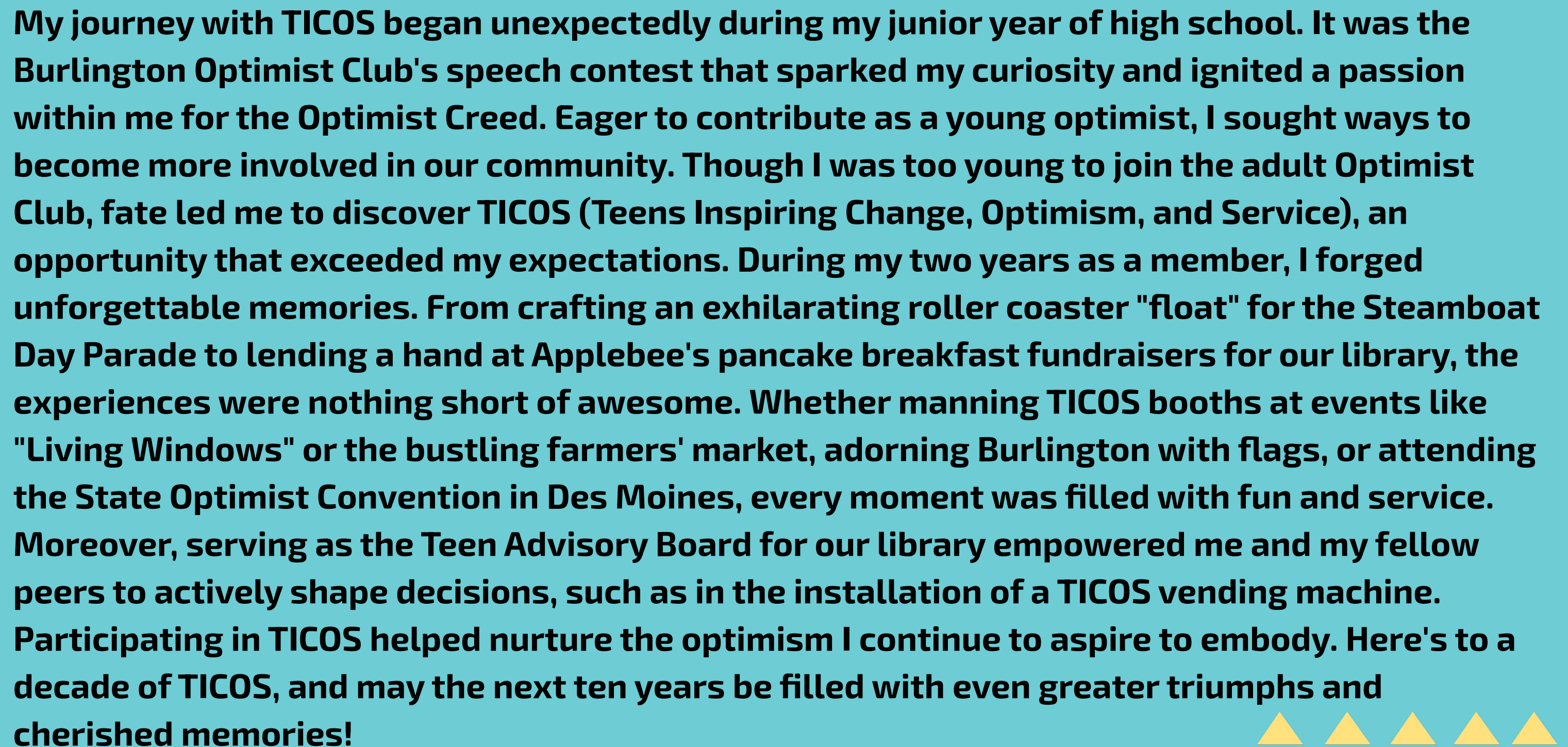
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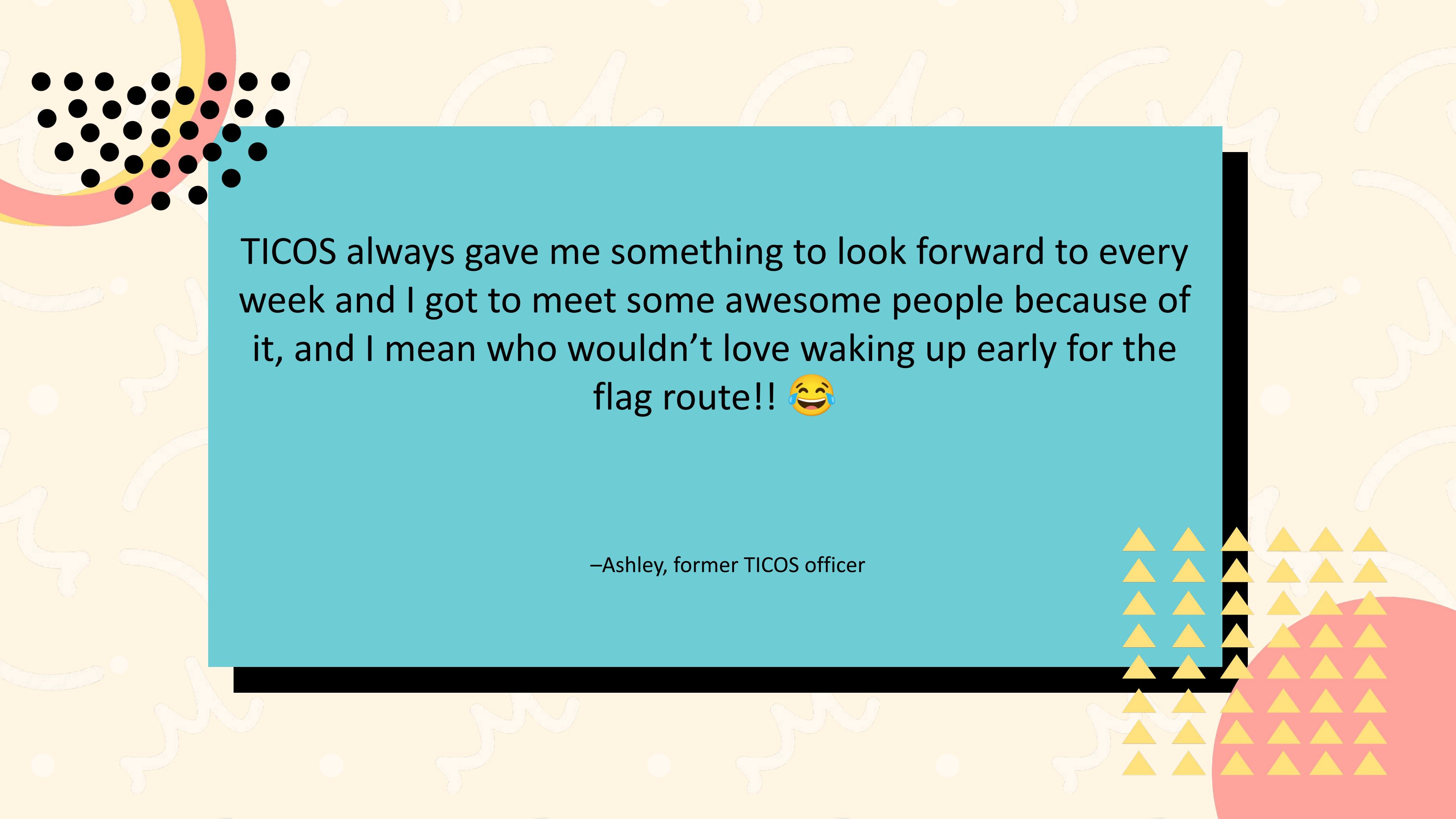
TICOS gave me volunteer opportunities and a place to hang out and meet new friends while being involved in the community

–Courtney, former TICOS officer




My journey with TICOS began unexpectedly during my junior year of high school. It was the Burlington Optimist Club's speech contest that sparked my curiosity and ignited a passion within me for the Optimist Creed. Eager to contribute as a young optimist, I sought ways to become more involved in our community. Though I was too young to join the adult Optimist Club, fate led me to discover TICOS (Teens Inspiring Change, Optimism, and Service), an opportunity that exceeded my expectations. During my two years as a member, I forged unforgettable memories. From crafting an exhilarating roller coaster "float" for the Steamboat Day Parade to lending a hand at Applebee's pancake breakfast fundraisers for our library, the experiences were nothing short of awesome. Whether manning TICOS booths at events like "Living Windows" or the bustling farmers' market, adorning Burlington with flags, or attending the State Optimist Convention in Des Moines, every moment was filled with fun and service. Moreover, serving as the Teen Advisory Board for our library empowered me and my fellow peers to actively shape decisions, such as in the installation of a TICOS vending machine. Participating in TICOS helped nurture the optimism I continue to aspire to embody. Here's to a decade of TICOS, and may the next ten years be filled with even greater triumphs and cherished memories!

-Zachary Rashid: Former TICOS/Junior Optimist Club President



TICOS always gave me something to look forward to every week and I got to meet some awesome people because of it, and I mean who wouldn't love waking up early for the flag route!! 😂

–Ashley, former TICOS officer



TICOS provided me a space to learn and voice my opinion. It helped form a mindset on working collaboratively to make the library a fun, safe, and educational community space. TICOS also helped me learn more about the community as a whole as we partnered in it with things like putting out flags.

–Hope, former TICOS officer

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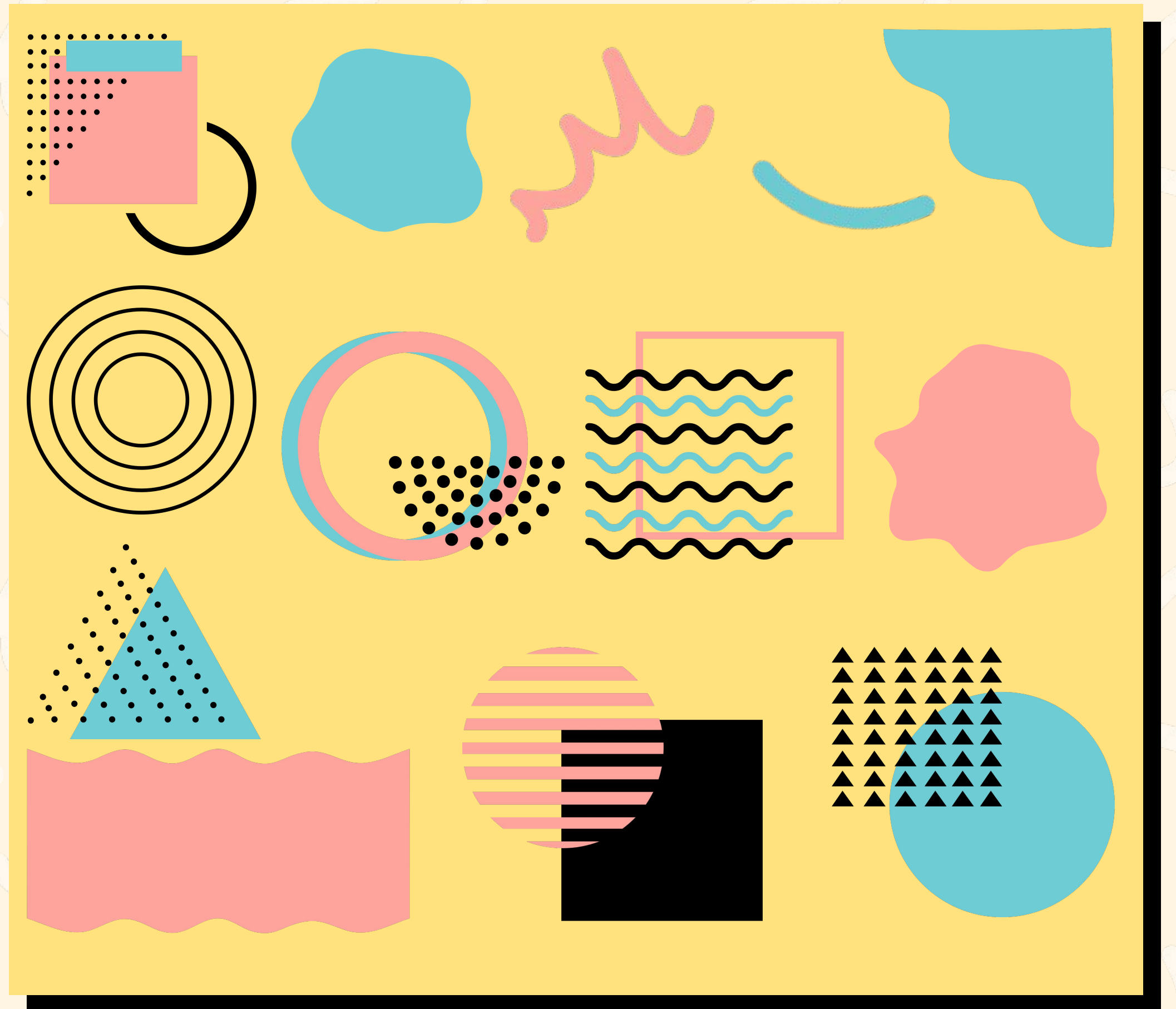
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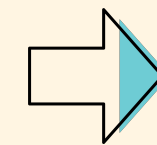


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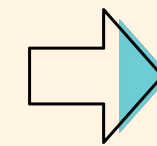
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