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Wadi Rum, Watersheds, and Well Child Checks

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As fellow science nerds, Laura Cattell Noll and Kelly Smucker became fast friends as freshmen at Eastern Mennonite University and solidified their bond over late night chemistry lab write-ups in Northlawn. Recently back home in Oregon, Kelly's professional journey has led her from research assistant to medical student to pediatrician. Laura, now living in Pennsylvania, has spent her career working on Chesapeake Bay restoration, from conservation technician to graduate student to project manager. Laura and Kelly will reflect on their unique professional journeys and the impact of their friendship, which they still maintain.

Laura Cattell Noll earned her BS in environmental science and justice, peace and conflict studies from EMU, and an MS in environmental science from the University of Virginia. At the Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay, she currently coordinates the Local Leadership Workgroup. She has more than a decade of experience managing and implementing community-based watershed restoration and stewardship projects across the Chesapeake Bay Watershed. She lives in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, with her husband and 2-year-old daughter.

Kelly Smucker earned her undergraduate degree at EMU, with a major in biology and minors in chemistry and history. She then worked as a research assistant in microbiology at the University of Virginia, and did translational research in leukemia at The Ohio State University. She earned a medical degree at Ohio State University College of Medicine and completed her pediatric residency at the University of Minnesota. She is now in her first year of practice as a pediatrician. She has two rambunctious boys, and has been married to her EMU sweetheart for 11 years.