

# Tennessee Prep Volleyball Star Leads Team into AAU National Championships at Disney Despite Eye Cancer

Despite having vision in only one eye, Sierrah Lemons has become a star volleyball player on both her high school and AAU club teams. Lemons will lead her club squad into the AAU Girls' Junior National Volleyball Championship tournament at ESPN Wide World of Sports Complex at Walt Disney World Resort, beginning Thursday, June 21.

Lemons, a rising senior at Soddy Daisy High School near Chattanooga, TN, was diagnosed with eye cancer as a toddler and had her right eye removed on her third birthday.

But through personal coaching and participation in other sports like baseball, ballet and karate, the 17-year-old Lemons has developed into one of the top high school volleyball players in the Chattanooga area, earning All-County honors. Playing middle hitter this season for the Georgia Adrenaline AAU team, she led the squad in kills (95 percent), blocks (93 percent) and serving (92 percent), propelling her team to five tournament titles. She is also being heavily recruited by several Division I and Division II collegiate programs.

In the meantime, Lemons and her teammates are squarely focused on conquering the AAU club division and winning their first AAU volleyball national championship at Disney, where more than 80,000 spectators, 40,000 participants, 9,000 club coaches and 600 college coaches are expected to attend the 12-day event.

Earlier this week, Lemons and crew spent time at the Disney theme parks, experiencing Disney's Animal Kingdom Park and rode various attractions such as Kilimanjaro Safaris, Expedition Everest and Avatar Flight of Passage.

Georgia Adrenaline begins its quest for the first national title in the program's history on Thursday and potentially will have to win 12 games in order to take home the championship hardware.

Their march to the AAU championship begins at 4 pm on Thursday when they face VC United 182 Elite from Illinois before a 5 pm game against COA 187-RED from Indiana. Georgia Adrenaline concludes their first day of action at 7 pm against Tribe 17 Elite Austin from Florida.