



## CENTRAL REGION UNITED VOLLEYBALL CLUB

With 2017 being our clubs first year, we were proud to win the U18 GJNC National Bid to Texas. The tournament was played in Dallas at Kay Bailey Hutchinson Convention Center. It was a large venue and being among the top teams in the Nation was exciting. We were in a pool of 6 and placed in the afternoon wave. We realized Saturday afternoon that the competition at the National level was outstanding. Sunday turned out to be a long day, and our first match was at 1:30, with our last at 7:00 pm. Monday was a single elimination and all play was done by 3:00 pm.

What this team took from this experience was humbling. We learned that at this level you have to be on the top of your game at all times. Even though we didn't win a whole lot, we were "in" matches and played fairly well. There were times

that we were surprised by the score because as you watched the match, we were playing great and had some awesome rallies.

For us, being in the afternoon wave and playing late didn't leave us much time to sightsee. We were able to go into downtown Dallas, which was beautiful. We dined at some really good restaurants and of course the girls found shopping malls!

Nationals was a wonderful experience to learn about ourselves individually and learn about ourselves as a team. Our parents are always supportive and are willing to go the extra mile for their daughters. The CRU 18's season as a whole was extremely successful. We are very proud of our team!

Sincerely,

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