

Competition to carry torch will be tough

Though more people will carry the Olympic torch in '96 than in any previous relay to the Games, competition for the honor is going to be tough.

Official presenters United Way and Coca-Cola will pick 8,000 of the official carriers.

United Way plans to choose 5,500 "com-

munity heroes" with the help of United Way member organizations.

Coca-Cola, which controls 2,500 of the slots, will give Coke consumers a chance to qualify.

The remaining 2,000 torchbearers will be picked by the Atlanta Committee for

the Olympic Games and U.S. Olympic Committee.

Details on how you can carry the torch will be announced later this year.

But for now, you can at least get a free U.S. torch relay map from the folks at Coke. Call: 1-800-4-96-COKE.

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