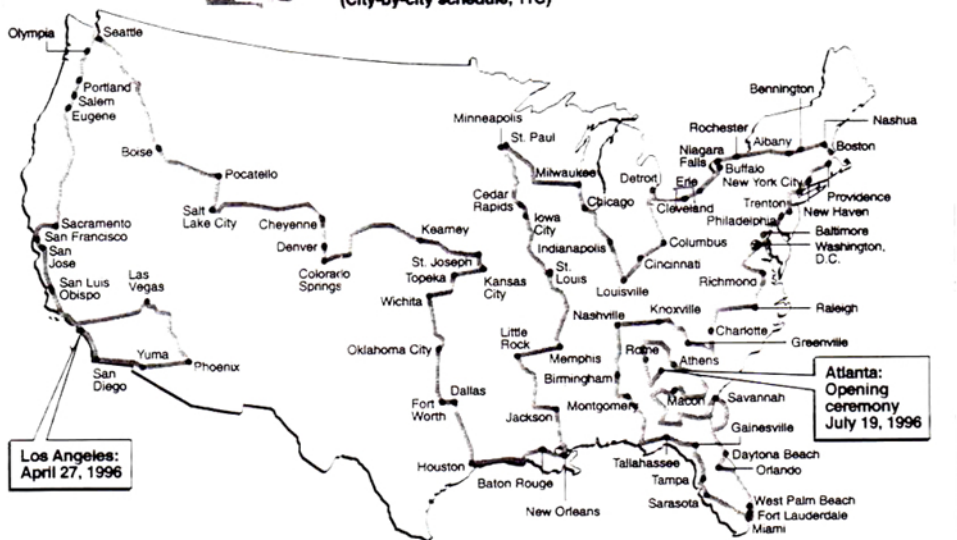


1996 Olympic Torch Relay Route



For 84 days, the Olympic flame will travel more than 15,000 miles, visiting 42 states plus Washington, D.C., before it arrives in Atlanta for the 1996 Summer Games opening ceremony. The torch will travel by runner, bicycle, train, horseback, canoe, steamboat, Great Lakes laker ship, plane and sailboat. (City-by-city schedule, 11C)



The 1996 Olympic Torch Relay is presented by Coca-Cola.

Source: The Atlanta Committee for the Olympic Games

By Genevieve Lynn. USA TODAY

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: 1-800-496-COKE.

— Ben Brown