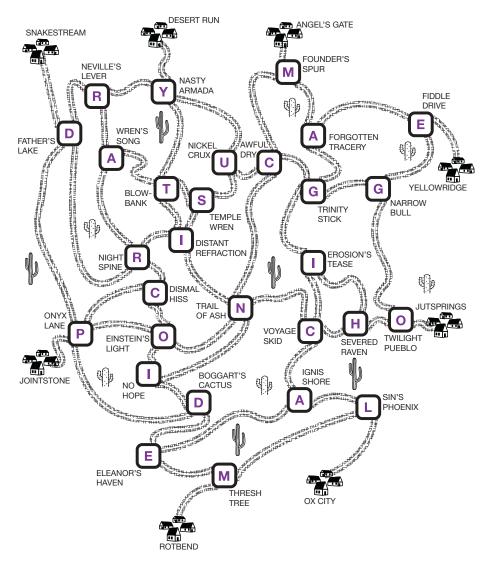
WILD WEST

Each athlete's first name matches one of the perimeter towns in first and last letter, and each athlete's last name matches one of the perimeter towns in first and last letter, and their answer needs to be placed along the boxes forming a path between those two towns of a length equal to the answer's number of letters. Each answer begins from the perimeter town matching the athlete's first name and heads towards the perimeter town matching the athlete's last name. ANNIE OAKLEY matches ANGEL'S GATE and OX CITY; JESSE JAMES matches JOINSTONE and JUTSPRINGS; ROLAND DESCHAIN matches ROTBEND and DESERT RUN; and YOSEMITE SAM matches YELLOWRIDGE and SNAKESTREAM.



Each location along the paths has a hidden word on its outside (taking letters from the beginning and end of the location name, discarding the middle). Some of the hidden words are numbers (in bold):

(by Ata Gurpinar)





.....

| AWFUL DRY | AWRY | С |
|--------------------|-------------|----|
| BLOW-BANK | BLANK | Т |
| BOGGART'S CACTUS | BOGUS | D |
| DISMAL HISS | DISMISS | С |
| DISTANT REFRACTION | DISTRACTION | I. |
| EINSTEIN'S LIGHT | EIGHT | 0 |
| ELEANOR'S HAVEN | ELEVEN | Е |
| EROSION'S TEASE | ERASE | I. |
| FATHER'S LAKE | FAKE | D |
| FIDDLE DRIVE | FIVE | Е |
| FORGOTTEN TRACERY | FORGERY | Α |
| FOUNDER'S SPUR | FOUR | Μ |
| IGNIS SHORE | IGNORE | Α |
| NARROW BULL | NULL | G |
| NASTY ARMADA | NADA | Y |
| NEVILLE'S LEVER | NEVER | R |
| NICKEL CRUX | NIX | U |
| NIGHT SPINE | NINE | R |
| NO HOPE | NOPE | I. |
| ONYX LANE | ONE | Ρ |
| SEVERED RAVEN | SEVEN | н |
| SIN'S PHOENIX | SIX | L. |
| TEMPLE WREN | TEN | S |
| THRESH TREE | THREE | Μ |
| TRAIL OF ASH | TRASH | Ν |
| TRINITY STICK | TRICK | G |
| TWILIGHT PUEBLO | тwo | 0 |
| VOYAGE SKID | VOID | С |
| WREN'S SONG | WRONG | А |
| | | |

When the letters are put in order of the numbers they spell out the solution: POMMEL HORSE.