

# Lead Car Guide

How to join as Lead Car, broadcast messages, drop hazard pins, and guide your convoy.

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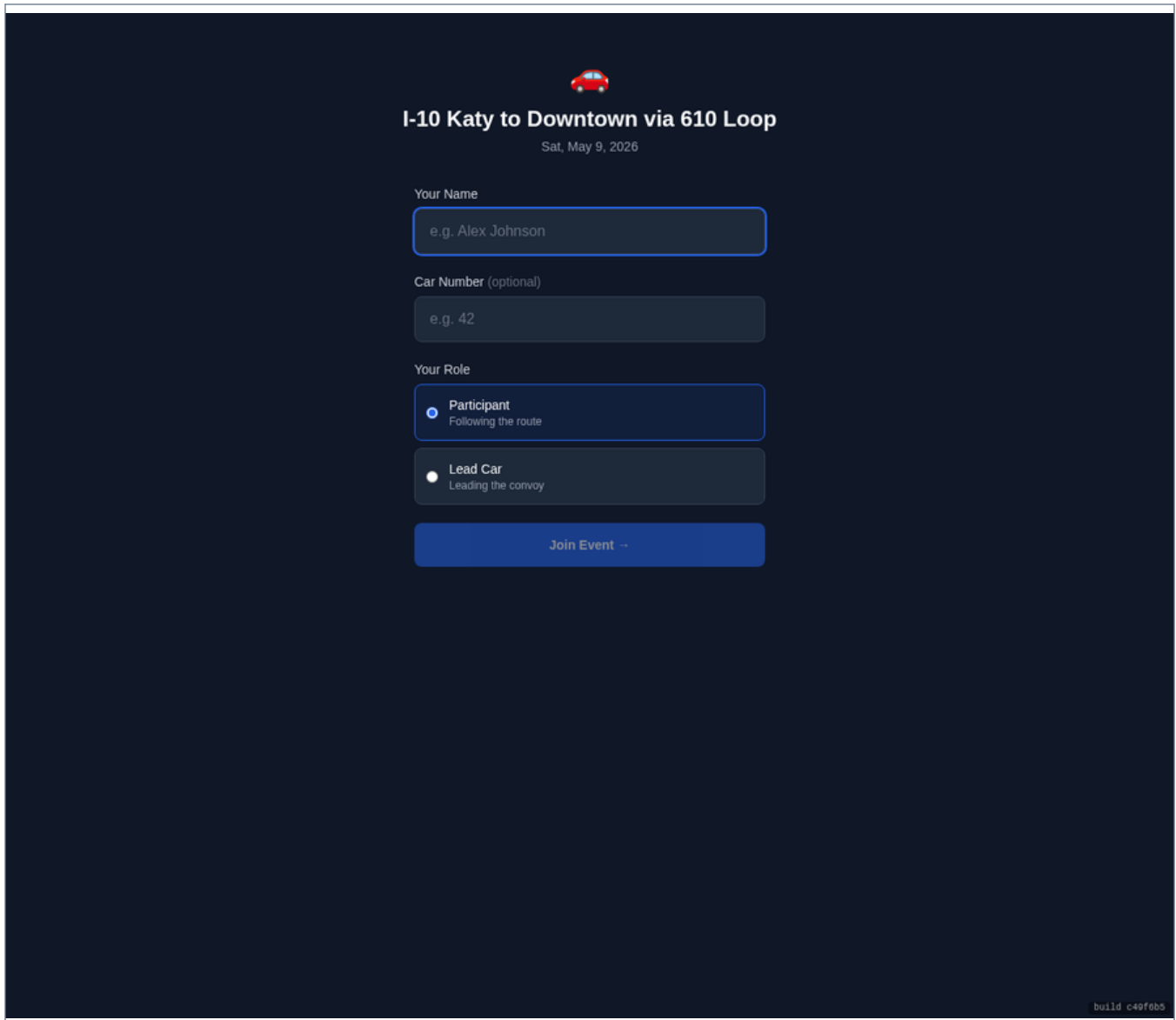
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■ The Lead Car role uses the same TourCue app as every other driver — just with extra broadcast controls. No separate app or login needed.

## 1. Joining as Lead Car

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The Lead Car role is claimed by entering the Lead Car passcode at join time. Your organizer will give you this code before the event — keep it to yourself.



*The Join screen — select Lead Car and enter the passcode when prompted*

### **Open the event link or scan the QR code**

Use the same link or QR code as all other participants.

### **Enter your name and car number**

Enter your name. Car number is optional but recommended for Lead Car identification.

### **Select 'Lead Car'**

Tap the **Lead Car — Leading the convoy** option.  
A passcode field will appear.

### Enter the Lead Car passcode

Type the passcode your organizer gave you.  
If the passcode is wrong, you'll join as a regular participant instead.

### Tap Join Event

Your navigation screen opens with the Lead Car broadcast panel visible at the bottom.

■ Tip: Join early — before participants start scanning. This ensures your position broadcasts to participants from the moment they join.

## 2. Your Screen — What's Different

As Lead Car, you see everything a participant sees, plus a broadcast panel at the bottom of the screen with your pre-configured quick message buttons and a hazard pin button.

Feature	Participant	Lead Car
Cue cards	✓ Yes	✓ Yes
Route map + GPS dot	✓ Yes	✓ Yes
Lead Car position on map	✓ Sees Lead Car	— (own position)
Broadcast quick messages	✗ No	✓ Yes — bottom panel
Drop hazard pins	✗ No	✓ Yes — bottom panel
Receive messages	✓ Yes	✓ Yes
Satellite toggle	✓ Yes	✓ Yes

## 3. Broadcasting Quick Messages

Quick message buttons appear at the bottom of your screen. One tap sends the message to every participant instantly. Your organizer set these up before the event.

### Find the broadcast panel

Look for the row of buttons at the bottom of your navigation screen.  
Each button shows the message label (e.g., 'Slowing Down', 'Fuel Stop Ahead').

### **Tap a button to broadcast**

Tap once. The message is sent immediately to all participants.  
A confirmation appears briefly on your screen.  
Participants see the message as a banner at the top of their screen.

### **Messages are labeled as Lead Car**

Participants see a ■ icon next to your messages so they know it's from the Lead Car.  
This distinguishes your broadcasts from system notifications.

■ **Tip:** Suggested messages to set up: 'Slowing Down', 'Fuel Stop Ahead — 2 Miles', 'Hazard on Road', 'Pull Over When Safe', 'Resume Normal Speed', 'All Clear'.

■ **Note:** Only tap broadcast buttons when it's safe to do so. If you need to send a message while moving, have a co-pilot tap for you.

## **4. Dropping Hazard Pins**

If you spot a hazard on the road — debris, an animal, construction, a rough crossing — you can drop a hazard pin at that location. It appears on every participant's map instantly.

### **Tap the Report Hazard button**

Look for the hazard button in your broadcast panel (usually labeled '■ Hazard' or similar).  
A grid of hazard types appears.

### **Select the hazard type**

Choose the type that best matches what you saw: Debris, Animal, Construction, Rough Road, etc.

### **Pin is dropped at your current location**

The pin is placed at your GPS position at the moment you tap.  
All participants see it appear on their map immediately.  
They'll receive a notification as they approach the pin location.

■ **Tip:** Drop the hazard pin as you pass the hazard — not before. The pin is placed at your current GPS location, so timing matters.

## 5. Best Practices for Lead Car Navigation

Follow these guidelines to keep the convoy together and safe:

### **Maintain a consistent pace**

Drive at a pace the slowest vehicle in the convoy can maintain. Check your mirrors regularly.

### **Pause at major turns**

At complex intersections or highway on-ramps, slow down or pull over briefly to let the convoy bunch up before proceeding.

### **Use quick messages proactively**

Don't wait for confusion — send 'Slowing Down' before you slow, not after.

### **Keep your phone mounted and visible**

Use a phone mount. Never hold your phone while driving. Have a co-pilot handle broadcasts if possible.

### **Know the route before the event**

Run the simulation in the organizer portal the day before. Know where the tricky turns are.

### **Arrive early**

Join TourCue before participants start scanning. Your position broadcasts to them from the moment they join.

# Lead Car Quick Reference Card

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Action	How to do it
Join as Lead Car	Open link → select Lead Car → enter passcode → Join
Broadcast a message	Tap a button in the bottom broadcast panel
Drop a hazard pin	Tap ■ Hazard → select type → pin drops at your location
Switch to satellite view	Tap ■ Satellite button on the map
Pause convoy at a turn	Slow down or pull over; send 'Slowing Down' message first
Someone is off route	They'll see the Off Route banner; they can tap Get Me There
End of route	Participants see 'You have arrived' — no action needed from Lead Car

■ Tip: Lead the way. Keep it safe. Have fun.