

GAME TIME

A guide for enjoying the Super Bowl on big and little screens

The vast majority of people can't keep their eyes off their cell phones for more than a few minutes at a time, even while catching something on another screen. Watching television has become a two-screen process for the world's cell phone-addicted masses.

This is especially true for big television events, such as the Oscars or today's Super Bowl. Viewers can interact with friends, strangers and sometimes even the TV programs to create a shared, social experience, whether watching alone or at a party full of people.

As a service to this new breed of dual screeners, I've compiled this short list of websites they may want to visit on

their little screens while watching the game on their big screens.

Game facts

NFL.com/super-bowl: The National Football League's official site for the game is a place for true football fans, useful for settling disputes on stats or past games. It has news, photos, videos, stats and history on all aspects of the game, including the half-time show.

Commercials

Superbowl-ads.com: At least half of the people at your party don't care about the game and are only interested in watching the commercials. This site has information on the cost of ads, who the advertisers are, Nielsen ratings for the game, the number of Tweets sent, back stories for some of the ads and more. Of course, the only reason most people will want to visit the site is to watch the ads. You can view this year's promos as well as ads from past games.

Wanna bet?

OddsShark.com: This site can provide guidance for those of you who want to make the game a little more "interesting." You can find the odds on the game and tons of prop bets — some routine and some more offbeat — such as how long the national anthem will last, who will win the coin toss, whether anyone

will say "Houston, we have a problem" and how many times Gisele Bündchen will be shown.

Chow down

TheTimes-Tribune.com/localflavor: The food at your Super Bowl party is just as important as the game. Check out our list of delicious Local Flavor recipes. Our reader-submitted dishes are sure to be a big hit.

Other options

Not everyone can watch the game on a big screen at a party. There's several options if you want to watch on your phone or computer, or if you don't have cable. FoxSportsGo will stream the game live, for free, on Roku, PlayStation Vue, Sling Television and Spectrum TV. If you're a Verizon customer, you can use the NFL Mobile app to watch the game for free. A digital TV antenna will let cord cutters watch.

Not interested?

If you have no desire to see the Super Bowl, the commercials or go to a party, there are alternatives. You can opt for a cuteness or gore overload.

For cuteness, Animal Planet will feature "Puppy Bowl XIII" on a 10-hour loop starting at 2 p.m. It's 78 puppies running around in a miniature stadium. Need I say more?

Hallmark Channel, meanwhile, starts airing "Kitten Bowl IV" at noon with repeats through 9 p.m.

For the more macabre at heart, AMC will show a Walking Dead marathon starting at 8 a.m. and going through the night.

Or, you could turn off the TV and curl up with a loved one or good book.

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