Football season is underway and if you're looking for an exciting spot to take in a game and root for your team, Southern California's casinos have some options. These casinos have food and drink specials, giveaways and some are giving fans a chance to meet NFL stars.

Many of the deals and promotions are for Monday Night Football, but a few of the casinos will also have things happening for Thursday and Sunday games, too.

Agua Caliente Resort Casino Spa Rancho Mirage

32-250 Bob Hope Drive, Rancho Mirage. 888-999-1995, aguacalientecasinos.com.

Agua Caliente's sports bar, 360 Sports , will have food and drink specials and giveaways on Monday nights. Each Monday, one visitor will have the chance to win \$10,000 if either team returns the second half kickoff for a touchdown. Radio station KCLB 93.7 FM will do live remotes from 360 Sports during the game.

Casino Pauma

777 Pauma Reservation Road, Pauma Valley. 877-687-2862, casinopauma.com.

The casino will broadcast games in spots throughout the casino every Monday. Triple 7 Bar will serve \$1 hot dogs, \$2 Bud Light Draft and \$3 wings during the game.

Harrah's Resort Southern California

777 Harrah's Rincon Way, Valley Center. 760-751-3100, harrahssocal.com.

The resort will offer \$3 Budweiser and Bud Light drafts during Monday and Thursday night games as well as all games Sunday at casino bars. The <u>Top Golf Swing Suite</u> will offer \$20 Budweiser and Bud Light beer buckets (five beers per bucket) during the same times.

Morongo Casino, Resort & Spa

49500 Seminole Drive, Cabazon. 951-849-3080, morongocasinoresort.com.

Members of the resort's players club can earn points to earn gifts that can be used for tailgating every Monday in September. Previous gifts have included a folding table and a blanket with a speaker.

But the biggest weekly events will happen off-site. Former Los Angeles Rams tight end David will host weekly football viewing parties at Tukwet Clubhouse Restaurant & Bar at Morongo's nearby golf course at 36211 Champions Drive in Beaumont on Mondays. Hill will be joined each time by a surprise NFL star who will offer game commentary. Visitors will have the chance to win swag, including autographed jerseys, balls and memorabilia and enjoy a "tailgate" buffet, beer specials and a patio cigar lounge. Tickets to the viewing parties are \$12.95 each and available at the door.

Hill and other former NFL players will also host 90-minute fundamentals and skills training minicamps at 3:30 p.m. every other Monday for up to 50 youngsters. Some of the skills the mini-camps will focus on are footwork, catching, blocking and proper stance. They'll happen on Sept. 30, Oct. 14, Oct. 28, Nov. 11, Nov. 25, Dec. 9 and Dec. 23. Tickets are \$25 per participant for one of the dates, or \$175 for all eight weeks. Participants can register at flowabilityinc.com.

Pala Casino, Spa & Resort

11154 Highway 76, Pala. 877-946-7252, palacasino.com.

<u>Luis Rey's Sports Bar</u> will offer food and drink specials from 5-8 p.m. on Mondays, including \$2 street tacos and \$5 nachos, hot dog sliders and chili cheese fries. There will also be 24-ounce bottles of Corona for \$8, and 32-ounce bottles of Modelo and Pacifico for \$10. The casino will also have giveaways and drawings for such items as footballs, gear and tickets to Rams home games. Guests get one ticket for giveaways when they arrive. They can obtain additional tickets for wearing their favorite jersey, having a Pala Privileges card and for purchasing food and drink items. Must be 21 or older.

Pechanga Resort Casino

45000 Pechanga Parkway, Temecula. 877-711-2946, pechanga.com.

Head to sports bar and grill Kelsey's for game day foods, including a \$13 carne asada burrito, carne asada fries, street tacos and tostilocos with diced pork belly on top. Visitors can win NFL gear each Monday night as well.

San Manuel Casino

777 San Manuel Blvd, Highland. 909-864-5050, sanmanuel.com.

The Highland casino will host a "Monday Pigskin Party" inside its Tukut Lounge every Monday at 5:30 p.m. through Dec. 23. In addition to the game being broadcast inside the lounge, members of the IE 66ers Dance Team will perform routines. There will also be drawings where visitors will be able to earn some free play. Two people will win \$100 in free play each during halftime and three more people will be able to win \$100 in free play each after the game. A \$20 cover charge applies to non Club Serrano members. There is no charge for club members. Must be 21 or older.

Spotlight 29 Casino

46-200 Harrison Place, Coachella. 760-775-5566, spotlight29.com.

The casino's Hot Spot bar will have drink specials, including \$10 draft beer pitchers, \$4 draft Golden Road Mango Cart and \$20 for a bucket of five beers when games are on Sundays, Mondays and Thursdays.

For Monday Night Football, Hot Spot will host radio station U-92.7 FM as they hold remote radio broadcasts during the game and will give away swag, including big screen TVs, concert tickets and two tickets to a Rams game in Los Angeles with a one-night hotel stay.

Tortoise Rock Casino

73829 Baseline Rd, Twentynine Palms. 760-367-9759, tortoiserockcasino.com.

Shelly's Lounge will offer 10 wings with fries for \$7.50, a sampler platter with onion rings for \$9, \$1.25 street tacos and \$3 nachos during games.

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