

GAYLORD ENTERTAINMENT CO /DE  
Form 8-K  
August 12, 2011

**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549  
FORM 8-K  
CURRENT REPORT**

**Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of  
the Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

**Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): August 12, 2011 (August 12, 2011)**

**GAYLORD ENTERTAINMENT COMPANY**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

1-13079

73-0664379

(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation)

(Commission File Number)

(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

One Gaylord Drive  
Nashville, Tennessee

37214

(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (615) 316-6000

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (*see* General Instruction A.2. below):

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  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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**ITEM 1.01. ENTRY INTO A MATERIAL DEFINITIVE AGREEMENT.**

On August 12, 2011, Gaylord Entertainment Company (the Company), entered into an amendment (the Amendment) to the Amended and Restated Rights Agreement by and between the Company and Computershare Trust Company, N.A., as Rights Agent (the Rights Agreement), to extend the expiration date of the rights contained therein from August 12, 2011 to August 12, 2012 (which Amendment the Board of Directors of the Company approved on August 11, 2011). Except for the extension of the expiration date, the Rights Agreement otherwise remains unmodified.

The foregoing description of the Amendment does not purport to be complete and is qualified in its entirety by reference to the Amendment, a copy of which is filed herewith as Exhibit 4.1 and is incorporated herein reference. A copy of the Rights Agreement and a summary of its material terms were filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on a Form 8-K on March 10, 2009 (incorporated herein by reference by Exhibit 4.2).

**ITEM 3.03. MATERIAL MODIFICATION TO RIGHTS OF SECURITY HOLDERS.**

The disclosures set forth under Item 1.01 are incorporated by reference into this Item 3.03.

**ITEM 7.01. REGULATION FD DISCLOSURE.**

A copy of the press release announcing the Amendment is furnished herewith as Exhibit 99.1.

**ITEM 9.01. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS.**

(d) Exhibits

- 4.1 Amendment No. 1 dated as of August 12, 2011 to the Amended and Restated Rights Agreement, dated as of March 9, 2009, between Gaylord Entertainment Company and Computershare Trust Company, N.A.
- 4.2 Amended and Restated Rights Agreement, dated as of March 9, 2009, by and between Gaylord Entertainment Company and Computershare Trust Company, N.A., as Rights Agent, which includes the Form of Certificate of Designations of Series A Junior Participating Preferred Stock (Exhibit A), the Form of Rights Certificate (Exhibit B) and the Form of Summary of Rights to Purchase Preferred Shares (Exhibit C), incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 4.1 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K dated March 10, 2009.

99.1 Press Release of Gaylord Entertainment Company dated August 12, 2011.

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**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

GAYLORD ENTERTAINMENT COMPANY

Date: August 12, 2011

By: /s/ Carter R. Todd  
Name: Carter R. Todd  
Title: Executive Vice President, General  
Counsel and Secretary

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