

BENDER H PHILLIP  
Form 4  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
BENDER H PHILLIP

(Last) (First) (Middle)

ONE CEDAR POINT DRIVE

(Street)

SANDUSKY, OH 44870-5259

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
CEDAR FAIR L P [FUN]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
02/23/2012

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_ 10% Owner  
\_X\_ Officer (give title below) \_\_\_ Other (specify below)

Executive VP, Operations

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

\_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(D)	Price
Units of Limited Partner Interest	02/23/2012		M		1,500	A	\$ 24.14
					37,038	D	

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**  
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)
Call options to purchase limited partnership units	\$ 24.14	02/23/2012		M	10,000	(1) 03/07/2012	Units of Limited Partner Interest 10,000
Phantom Units	(2)					03/04/2013(3) 03/04/2014	Units of Limited Partner Interest 3,980
Phantom Units	(2)					03/03/2014(4) 03/03/2015	Units of Limited Partner Interest 4,370

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
BENDER H PHILLIP ONE CEDAR POINT DRIVE SANDUSKY, OH 44870-5259			Executive VP, Operations	

## Signatures

H. Philip Bender 02/24/2012

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person Date

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
- \*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) Options vest at a rate of 20% per year on each anniversary date, beginning on March 7, 2003.
- (2) Each phantom unit is the economic equivalent of one limited partner unit in Cedar Fair, L.P.

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- (3) This award vests in two equal installments on March 4, 2013 and 2014, respectively, assuming the grantee continues to be employed with the Company.
- (4) This award vests in two equal installments on March 3, 2014 and 2015, respectively, assuming the grantee continues to be employed with the Company.

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