

Freeman Craig J
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FORM 4

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
Freeman Craig J

(Last) (First) (Middle)
ONE CEDAR POINT DRIVE
(Street)

SANDUSKY, OH 44870

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
03/09/2012

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

___ Director ___ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) ___ Other (specify below)
Corporate VP, Administration

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 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) |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| | | | | (A) or (D) | Price | | |
| Units of Limited Partner Interest | 03/09/2012 | | M | 1,500 | A \$ 22.65 | 11,294 | 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) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|
| | | | | Code | V (A) (D) | Date Exercisable Expiration Date | Title Amount or Number of Shares |
| Call options to purchase limited partnership units | \$ 22.65 | 03/09/2012 | | M | 1,500 | (1) 11/07/2012 | Units of Limited Partner Interest 1,500 |
| Call options to purchase limited partnership units | \$ 28.45 | | | | | (2) 11/06/2013 | Units of Limited Partner Interest 1,000 |
| Phantom Units | (3) | | | | | 03/01/2011(4) 03/31/2012 | Units of Limited Partner Interest 2,058 |
| Phantom Units | (3) | | | | | 03/19/2012(5) 03/19/2013 | Units of Limited Partner Interest 6,292 |
| Phantom Units | (3) | | | | | 03/04/2013(6) 03/04/2014 | Units of Limited Partner Interest 4,134 |
| Phantom Units | (3) | | | | | 03/03/2014(7) 03/03/2015 | Units of Limited Partner Interest 2,832 |

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Reporting Owners

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Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Freeman Craig J
ONE CEDAR POINT DRIVE
SANDUSKY, OH 44870

Corporate VP,
Administration

Signatures

Craig J. 03/12/2012
Freeman

__Signature of Date
Reporting Person

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 November 7, 2003.
- (2) Options vest at a rate of 20% per year on each anniversary date, beginning on November 6, 2004.
- (3) Each phantom unit is the economic equivalent of one limited partner unit in Cedar Fair, L.P.
- (4) This award vests on March 1, 2012, assuming the grantee continues to be employed with the Company.
- (5) This award vests in two equal installments on March 19, 2012 and 2013, respectively, assuming the grantee continues to be employed with the Company.
- (6) This award vests in two equal installments on March 4, 2013 and 2014, respectively, assuming the grantee continues to be employed with the Company.
- (7) 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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