

GAYLORD ENTERTAINMENT CO /DE  
Form 8-K  
August 07, 2009

**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 7, 2009 (August 6, 2009)**

**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 5.02. DEPARTURE OF DIRECTORS OR CERTAIN OFFICERS; ELECTION OF DIRECTORS; APPOINTMENT OF CERTAIN OFFICERS; COMPENSATORY ARRANGEMENTS OF CERTAIN OFFICERS.**

On August 6, 2009, Gaylord Entertainment Company (the Company ) entered into Stock Option Cancellation Agreements (the Cancellation Agreements ) with certain members of its management team pursuant to which such individuals surrendered and cancelled certain previously granted stock options (the Cancelled Options ) to purchase shares of the Company s common stock in order to make additional shares available under the Company s 2006 Omnibus Incentive Plan for future equity grants to Company personnel. Pursuant to the terms of the Cancellation Agreements, these individuals and the Company acknowledged and agreed that the surrender and cancellation of the Cancelled Options was without any expectation to receive, and was without any obligation on the Company to pay or grant, any cash, equity awards or other consideration presently or in the future in regard to the cancellation of the Cancelled Options. The Cancelled Options that were surrendered had an exercise price that ranged from \$38.00 to \$56.14 per share. The aggregate number of shares underlying the Cancelled Options held by each of the individuals surrendering the Cancelled Options was as follows: Colin V. Reed, Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of the Board 500,000; David C. Kloeppe, President and Chief Operating Officer 205,000; Mark Fioravanti, Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer 68,500; Carter R. Todd, Executive Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary 55,000; Bennett D. Westbrook, Senior Vice President, Development and Design & Construction 55,000; Michael J. Mason, Senior Vice President of Sales, Gaylord Hotels 53,700; and Richard A. Maradik, Senior Vice President and Chief Marketing Officer 45,000.

Under applicable accounting standards, the Company will account for the cancellation as a settlement for no consideration, and the Company will record the previously unrecognized compensation cost related to the Cancelled Stock Options of \$3.0 million during the three months ended September 30, 2009.

The foregoing description of the Cancellation Agreements is qualified in its entirety by reference to the form of Stock Option Cancellation Agreement, a copy of which is filed as Exhibit 10.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K and is incorporated herein by reference.

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

(d) Exhibits

10.1 Form of Stock Option Cancellation Agreement

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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 7, 2009

By: /s/ Carter R. Todd

Name: Carter R. Todd

Title: Executive Vice President, General Counsel and  
Secretary