

# Spirit of the West to play Uxbridge Music Hall July 24

The Spirit of the West is coming to Uxbridge on July 24.

The pop/rock group from Vancouver was lured away from the big city, by a group of teenagers. Part of the boy scouts, a rover crew got the five-member band to come to Uxbridge, on a dare.

"I started a rover crew two years ago," said Chris Wilson. "Every time someone (joins) I give a challenge. So my crew gave me the challenge to bring Spirit of the West here."

The teens discovered the band was playing in Waterloo, and everything fell into place. "We actually got the last two tickets," said Wilson. "Someone cancelled their reserved tickets."

Once at the concert, they started networking their way backstage. "We found out one of the merchandisers was the drummer's brother," said Wilson, "so we looked for a guy that looked like the drummer."

They found the drummer's brother hawking show souvenirs, and got the name of the

band's manager. They've never chased a big name band before. "This is our first shot at it," said Wilson.

Originally a folk group, Spirit of the West's sound

caught on quickly, with airplay on major radio stations. The band has the standard bass and guitar players, but they also have a flute and an accordion player as well.

Spirit of the West plays the Uxbridge Music Hall at 8 p.m. on July 24. Just over 300 tickets, at \$15 each, are available, and may be purchased at *The Stouffville Tribune* office.

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