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Susan Ford

Born: July 6, 1957

Always lived in the red brick home on Crown View Dr. in Alexandria, Va. her parents built 2 years before that

Started private dancing lessons at age 8

School: public school until 8<sup>th</sup> grade. Then went to Holton Arms Academy, a private girls school in Beltsville, Md. In 1971 Alexandria's public school system ended drastically by a desegregation plan with cross-city busing.

Friends: Sharon Snow (met her in 5<sup>th</sup> grade when Susan took a class in ballroom dancing). Vickers Bryan, Susan's closest friend su/grade school

Baby sitting: Abbruzzese fam. - live across st. from Ford's in Va. Mo → Louise Abbruzzese.

Sports: skiing, sailing, swimming, riding, tennis



Susan Ford Biography

Susan Elizabeth Ford, the youngest of the four Ford ~~Children, xxx children, xxx~~ children and only daughter, was born July 6, 1957 in Washington, D.C.

Susan graduated in June, 1975 from the Holton-Arms School in Washington, D.C. She is now attending Mount Vernon College and working part-time as a photographer for the Associated Press.

Susan and ~~her~~ Jack are the only children living in the White House. ~~Susan xxxxxxxx Jack xxxxxxxx~~ Her enthusiasm for the outdoors matches her interest in plants and the family pets, A siamese cat, named Shan, and a Golden Retriever, named Liberty.

Susan especially enjoys skiing, water skiing, swimming, biking horseback riding and tennis. Like her mother, Susan began taking dance classes when she ~~h~~ was eight. She ~~has~~ has taken classes in both dance and ballet.

Susan has ~~worked~~ sold guide books for the White House Historical Association, babysat for the children of ~~h~~ neighbors in the family's former home in Alexandria.



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SUSAN ELIZABETH

- born in Grand Rapids
- 17 years old
- Attended the Holton-Arms School in Bethesda, Maryland
- Will attend Mount Vernon College on Foxhall Road in Washington, D. C.
- Boyfriends -- not one particular at present
- Sold guidebooks for the White House Historical Society
- Took typing at business school
- Was tutored in advanced English
- Hobbies: dance, photography, cooking, skiing, swimming and tennis riding, & needlepoint
- 5'8" -- Size 11 Junior
- Babysits for Peter and Louise Abbruzzese -- Children: Anne 6, Peter Matthew 2 -- August 1974

In my four years at The Holton-Arms School, my scope of interest has widened because of the large variety of opportunities there. Holton-Arms guided me in extra-curricular activities, hobbies, and work experience.

Holton-Arms offers many extra-curricular activities. In my junior year, I was elected to the yearbook staff. I work with business and management, handling advertising and billing different companies for their advertisement. Another club I belong to is photography. I also take a photography class, which works in the darkroom and with several different assignments concerning the camera. Since my freshman year at Holton-Arms, I have been a tour guide; I give tours to the parents and the prospective student. I was one of the six students chosen to be honor tour guides my first year. Another honorary club I was elected into is Cotillion; this club sponsors the dances and mixers for the boarding department. This last year the boarding department was closed, so the honorary club had to be closed.

Some of my extra-curricular activities at school are also hobbies. My mother entered me in modern dance classes at the age of eight, and I continued until sixth grade. Since I have been at Holton-Arms I have taken modern dance as a gym course, also adding on ballet classes as a junior. I also play tennis, and just recently learned how to water-ski. I rode horseback for about six years, but now only ride for pleasure. Swimming and snow skiing I have been doing since I was four years of age. I enjoy sports but do not like to compete because I do a sport to relax and for pleasure.

Being the only girl and the youngest in my family has led me to enjoy young children, never having had a younger brother or sister. Babysitting and working with young children has led me to thinking of working with them as a career. I have visited many hospitals and children centers. I am excited about all the possibilities you offer at Mount Vernon in the education of Mentally Retarded Children and Emotionally Disturbed Children.

Among my past working experiences, I worked for a medical telethon, answering phones and being interviewed by the President of the Association. In the summer of 1973 I worked at The White House for the Historical Association, selling guide books. This past summer I was to work for Congressman Rhodes as an intern or page, but at the last minute my plans had to change and I took a typing and a private English course with a former teacher from Holton-Arms.

When I go to college, I hope to further explore my hobbies and interests, and to find new ones. I have enjoyed sports, children and my brief working experiences. I would hope over the next few years to meet more people and to learn more about myself and my interests.



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Biography of Susan Elizabeth Ford

Susan Elizabeth Ford is a busy 12½-year-old who thoroughly enjoys life and is quite unconcerned about the fact that her father is Republican leader of the U.S. House of Representatives.

Born July 6, 1957, in Washington, D.C., Susan attended the Episcopal Kindergarten of Immanuel Church-on-the-Hill, where she is now taking confirmation instruction. She went to the first through sixth grade at Douglas MacArthur Elementary School in Alexandria, Va., and is now in the seventh grade at Howard Middle School there.

Susan has a great love for animals. Her passion for pets has brought many of them into the Ford household. Currently the Fords have only two rabbits and a dog. The fish, the alligator and the snake are gone, Mrs. Ford reports. Besides the snake she once had at home, Susan kept a pet snake in a laundry bag all one summer at Camp Arbutus near Traverse City, Michigan, where she spends summer vacations.

A regular live-wire, Susan swims, skis (she's an excellent skier), rides horses (she now wants one of her own), cooks and bakes, and attends Junior Assembly, a social dancing class for young ladies and gentlemen.

Busy every minute, Susan is "up-and at 'em" all the time. She and her dad make a good pair. They are both always on the go.

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Columbia Womens Hospital

- birth date: July 6, 1957
- birthplace: Wash. D.C.
- schools attended: Mac Arthur School, Howard Middle School, Holton - Arms
- Church: Immanuel on the Hill
- clubs, groups, organizations and other activities: Photo Club, Collision Club, Tour Guides, Ski Club

Hobbies:

- ✓ swimming
- ✓ horseback riding
- ✓ tennis

- ✓ bicycling
- ✓ needlepoint

Others: ~~sking, water skiing~~

My favorite:

- singing group - Joni Mitchell, Seals + Croft, Beach Boys
- song - none
- type of music - popular
- musical instrument - none
- sport - none
- color - yellow
- flower - roses
- food - beef
- car - Porsche 914 targa
- pets - cat, horse, dog

etc.



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Scoop Question: Has being the daughter of the president made any drastic changes in your life? Please Explain.

Susan Ford Response: No, it has not at all. The people here have made every effort to make us happy and comfortable.

Scoop Question: Do you have an identity crisis trying to remain the individual, Susan Ford, as opposed to a public figure as the President's daughter?

Susan Ford Response: No. If you are as determined as I am to stay the same; to wear jeans and t-shirts I will go through with it. The only thing you have to let other things come in also.

Scoop Question: Does being the President's daughter open opportunities to you that you never dreamed possible?

Susan Ford Response: Oh of course, I have had invitations to so many different things, but to me my school year is the most important.

Scoop Question: What are your plans after high school graduation?

Susan Ford Response: To go to Mount Vernon College in Washington, D.C. then maybe go into child care or fashion.



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