

## **Learning Laguna Field Activity: Secrets of the Universe**

**Goal:** To encourage students to find a sense of personal responsibility in caring for the earth.

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### **Set-Up:**

Using a small box such as a little treasure chest or other special box (about 3 inches long) with a lid, the box contains:

A shell (water)  
A feather (air)  
A stone (earth)  
A piece of obsidian (fire)

At the bottom of the box is a mirror.

Tell a little story: I was walking through a beautiful wooded area of the Laguna a few evenings ago when I noticed something on the ground. I looked more closely and saw this little box – there was a note attached to it. I opened up the note and it said, “inside, you will find the secrets to the universe and the keys to the future.”

So, I opened the box and found four things: there was a feather which I realized represents “air” there was a stone, for the earth, a shell to symbolize water and a piece of obsidian for fire (came from the fire of a volcano). \*\*You can also ask questions here: what would the stone stand for? Etc.\*\*

There was one thing left in the box, which is the key to the future... and I am going to show it to you now, one by one.

Have each person come to see inside the box, without anyone else seeing inside – of course, they see themselves, the true key to the future.