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Make a simple, crowd-pleasing dessert with cake cubes, instant pudding, whipped topping, chocolate syrup and nuts. It's a surefire way to satisfy chocolate-lovers.

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- 1 package (18-1/4 ounces) chocolate cake mix
- 1 package (3.4 ounces) instant vanilla pudding mix
- 1 cup chocolate syrup, *divided*
- 1 carton (12 ounces) frozen whipped topping, thawed
- 1/2 cup chopped pecans

Prepare and bake the chocolate cake according to package directions, using a greased 13-in. x 9-in. x 2-in. baking pan. Cool cake on wire rack.

Meanwhile, prepare pudding according to package directions; pour into a 13-in. x 9-in. x 2-in. dish.

Tear cake into small pieces and gently push down into the pudding. Drizzle with 3/4 cup of chocolate syrup. Spread with whipped topping. Drizzle with remaining chocolate syrup. Sprinkle with pecans. Refrigerate until serving. **Yield:** 16-20 servings.