Area cooks are being invited to take part in next month's second annual Chili Cook-Off sponsored by the Imperial Chamber of Commerce.

This year's event will be held Thursday, March 14, at the Imperial city gym. Cooks will vie for prizes in Chamber Bucks, as well as the engraving of the first place cook's name on a traveling trophy. A People's Choice winner will also be chosen by the public as they come to taste-test the entries.

Judging will consider color, aroma, texture, flavor and "heat."

Jack Schnieder is again serving as the Chamber's contest chairman. Contact him at 308-882-4363 to register or with questions.

Last year, the contest drew 12 entries.